



The Role of Pharmacists in Improving Adult Vaccination Rates

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Our Purpose: Protect Communities from Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Ensure a world class immunization program that provides convenient access to vaccines and promotes trust with our patients and shows Walgreen's commitment to *care*



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Walgreens has partnered with the HHS Community Voucher Program

- Delivered more than **2 million** free seasonal flu immunization vouchers since 2010



"Get a Shot. Give a Shot." campaign

- Partnership with the UN Foundation's Shot@Life campaign.
- Helps provide lifesaving vaccines to children in developing countries.
- Walgreens has provided over **30 million** vaccines since the start of the partnership in 2013.



Walgreens Champions the “Immunization Neighborhood”

Physicians – patient compliance, outcomes

States – complete registry data, access

Pharma – patient education and access

Employers – healthy, productive workforce

Referrals from and data exchange with **Physicians** drives compliance, outcomes and integration with the medical home

Partnership with **States** expands RPh privilege and ensures patient records are complete

Health Plan collaborations ensure immunizations at retail are reimbursable and lowers cost of care

Aligning with **Universities** and **Government** facilitates preparedness, outbreak response and lower disease rates

Walgreens collaborates, coordinates, and communicates among immunization stakeholders dedicated to meeting the immunization needs of the patient and protecting the community from vaccine-preventable diseases.

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Pharmacists are well equipped

Education and Training

- Immunization-focused curriculum at US colleges and schools of pharmacy that align with ACPE standards
- APhA Immunization Certification
- CPR Certification
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Training
- State Immunization Certification

Quality and Safety

- Immunization Selection Tool
- State-specific resources
- Safety blocks at Point of Sale
- Quality Third Party Edits blocks at point of adjudication
- Use retractable needles to mitigate needle sticks
- Hepatitis B Employee Statement

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Proven Results

Access

- Nearly all Americans (94%) live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy
- Over 30% of vaccinations done at the pharmacy were provided during off-clinic hours
- 62 percent of patients preferred visiting their local pharmacy to get vaccinated

Rates

- Project IMPACT Immunizations showed community pharmacists were able to improve the number of vaccines administered by 41.1%.
- The average percent of people receiving a seasonal influenza immunization nationally increased from 32.2% in 2003 to 40.3% in 2013 - the most significant increases was in persons aged 25-59
- An estimated 5.1 million additional people were immunized over what would have been predicted if no changes in regulation during 2003 to 2013 would have occurred.

Savings

- Results point toward leveraging pharmacist-delivered immunization services and accessibility for patients with the goal of increasing the provision of health services and lessening the nearly \$9 billion burden on the health care system from vaccine-preventable disease

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Federal Policy Priorities

Eliminate or Reduce Cost Sharing

- patient out-of-pocket cost remains the most significant predictor of vaccine abandonment

Medicare Coverage

- Expand list of pharmacists provided adult immunizations for which Medicare will reimburse

VA Immunization Program

- improve the health and productivity of VA patients

Role in Emergency Preparedness

- play an instrumental role in preventing or mitigating against the consequences of a public health emergency

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