



Immunization Initiative

Quarterly Meeting- February 17, 2017

Teens, STDs and Vaccines

Small Group Discussions

How can we use school-based clinics to improve HPV vaccination rates? How do you deal with parental consent in a school-based clinic? How do you deal with the multiple shots vaccine?

- Education
- Physicians to parents
- “Earlier” Education before the child is 11 or 12. Safe place to discuss the vaccine.
- Include information about HPV and Gardasil in the health education classes.
- Start student education at 5th grade.
- Educate the public through TV, radio or billboards.
- Educate our school super intendants and create a common consent form that gives consent for all adolescent vaccinations that are recommended
- Educate the child and then offer an incentive that in turn educates the parent because the child is reminding them that they have to do this so they can earn that incentive.
- Update the “Be Wise, Immunize” campaign for all ages.
- Use Social Media to educate the public.
- Use education to dispel the misinformation and the anti-vax information that is floating around.
- Legislation
- Work with legislation to ease requirement.
- Remove parental consent similar to no parental consent needed for STD screening or pregnancy testing.
- Get the governor involved.
- Include the HPV consent form with the other school screening forms in the enrollment packet.
- Include information on HPV with literature on other exams or screening.
- Get the principal involved to make vaccination a priority.
- Materials should focus on cancer vaccine prevention and not the sex aspect of the vaccine. Also, focus on the new recommendation that states if a young adult gets the vaccine early (age 11-12) then they will only need to get 2 shots instead of the 3 shots they would need to get if they waited.
- Get insurance companies involved.
- Have information available at community health fairs.

What has been the most challenging regarding the HPV vaccine?

- Convincing parents/guardians of the benefits of their child receiving the vaccine.

What can we do differently to increase adolescent vaccination, especially related to HPV?



- It must be made mandatory for enrollment just like the Hep B, DTap, IPV Pneumococcal & MMR/Varicella. (Note: It is mandatory in 2 states and the rates are the lowest in those states. There are more parents that go through the process to get exemptions. Rates are higher when it is simply suggested at the same time as the other adolescent vaccines.)
- Educate! Educate! Educate! At every opportunity. PTA meetings, Parent Teacher Conferences, emails, newsletters, etc.