

# **Adults Only Vaccination: A Step-by-Step Guide**

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## Stay up to date on immunization

As you well know, immunization is an ever-changing field. Undoubtedly, some vaccine recommendations found in this guide will change in the near future. At this point, we have no plans to mail supplements when changes occur or to issue an updated version of the guide. Instead, we have developed the following resources to help you stay current:

- IAC's freestanding pieces: You'll find freestanding pieces in the guide at the end of Steps 3, 4, and 5, as well as throughout Appendices A and B. These will be updated electronically. Access the guide by going to [www.immunize.org/guide](http://www.immunize.org/guide). Go to the appropriate freestanding piece, and click on the line of type that says "to access the current, ready-to-copy version of this piece . . ." You will be taken to the most recent version of the piece.
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- Appendix C: You'll find many electronic and print resources in Appendix C; please check them out and use them.

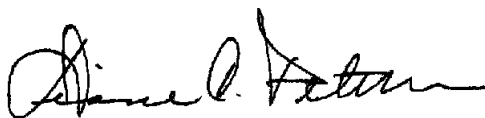
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Dear Colleagues,

No matter what setting you work in, the immunization services you provide can prevent unnecessary illness and save lives. This guide was especially created for those of you who see adolescents or adults in a variety of health care settings, including college health services, STD clinics, HIV counseling sites, private practice settings, family planning clinics, homeless shelters, juvenile detention centers, adult correctional facilities, and community centers for seniors.

You are in a unique position to increase adolescent and adult immunization rates, especially if you are equipped with the up-to-date, practical information this guide offers. Developed by the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the guide provides materials to help you initiate adult immunization services in your work setting or improve your already existing services.

As we all know, far too many people become ill, disabled, or die from diseases that can be easily prevented through vaccination. IAC's hope in publishing this guide is to help you increase your knowledge of immunization practices and to motivate you to take every opportunity possible to increase immunization rates in your work setting. Our communities, nation, and world will be the better for your efforts.

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