

**Figure. Summary of 2013 National Vaccine Advisory Committee's standards for adult immunization practices**

<i>Audience</i>	<i>Summary of standards</i>
All providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate immunization needs assessment into every clinical encounter.</li> <li>• Strongly recommend needed vaccine(s) and either administer vaccine(s) or refer patient to a provider who can immunize.</li> <li>• Stay up-to-date on, and educate patients about, vaccine recommendations.</li> <li>• Implement systems to incorporate vaccine assessment into routine clinical care.</li> <li>• Understand how to access immunization information systems (i.e., immunization registries).</li> </ul>
Non-immunizing providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routinely assess the immunization status of patients, recommend needed vaccine(s), and refer patient to an immunizing provider.</li> <li>• Establish referral relationships with immunizing providers.</li> <li>• Follow up to confirm patient receipt of recommended vaccine(s).</li> </ul>
Immunizing providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure professional competencies in immunizations.</li> <li>• Assess immunization status in every patient care and counseling encounter and strongly recommend needed vaccine(s).</li> <li>• Ensure that receipt of vaccination is documented in patient medical record and immunization registry.</li> </ul>
Professional health-care-related organizations/associations/health-care systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide immunization education and training of members, including trainees.</li> <li>• Provide resources and assistance to implement protocols and other systems to incorporate vaccine needs assessment and vaccination or referral into routine practice.</li> <li>• Encourage members to be up-to-date on their own immunizations.</li> <li>• Assist members in staying up-to-date on immunization information and recommendations.</li> <li>• Partner with other immunization stakeholders to educate the public.</li> <li>• Seek out collaboration opportunities with other immunization stakeholders.</li> <li>• Collect and share best practices for immunization.</li> <li>• Advocate policies that support adult immunization standards.</li> <li>• Insurers/payers/entities that cover adult immunization services should assure their network is adequate to provide timely immunization access and augment with additional vaccine providers if necessary.</li> </ul>
Public health departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine community needs, vaccination capacity, and barriers to adult immunization.</li> <li>• Provide access to all ACIP-recommended vaccinations for insured and uninsured adults and work toward becoming an in-network provider for immunization services for insured adults.</li> <li>• Partner with immunization stakeholders and support activities and policies to improve awareness of adult vaccine recommendations, increase vaccination rates, and reduce barriers.</li> <li>• Ensure professional competencies in immunizations.</li> <li>• Collect, analyze, and disseminate immunization data.</li> <li>• Provide outreach and education to providers and the public.</li> <li>• Work to decrease disparities in immunization coverage and access.</li> <li>• Increase immunization registry access and use by vaccine providers for adult patients.</li> <li>• Develop capacity to bill for immunization of injured people.</li> <li>• Ensure preparedness for identifying and responding to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.</li> <li>• Promote adherence to applicable laws, regulations, and standards among adult immunization stakeholders.</li> </ul>

ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

roles of all providers with regard to immunizations, including the role of all providers to conduct routine assessment of vaccination needs for their patients, recommend needed vaccines, and either administer

needed vaccines or, for providers who currently do not stock all recommended vaccines, refer patients to places where they can get recommended vaccines.