



SPECIALTY SOCIETIES ADVANCING ADULT IMMUNIZATION (SSAAI) PROVIDER FOCUS GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SESSION 1: CURRENT STATE OF SCIENCE, DELIVERY, AND ACCESS

Discussion Questions:

1. Which staff (e.g., physicians, nurses, etc.) in your practice are responsible for recommending vaccinations to patients?
2. What do you believe the role of your practice is with regard to immunizations as it relates to the CDC standards just described to you?
3. Does your health system/practice currently have an immunization protocol? If so, what does it entail?
4. Would you want your department/health system to be open to strategies to increase/begin to administer immunizations into routine practice? What would you need to assist you in either incorporating immunizations into your practice or increasing the number of patients you counsel on immunizations?
5. How comfortable are you with recommending vaccinations to your patients? Please explain.
6. Has the COVID-19 pandemic changed the perceptions of the intersection between viral illness and cardiovascular disease? If yes, how so? For the better or for the worse?



SESSION 2: STRATEGIES FOR VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION AS PART OF HEART FAILURE CARE

Discussion Questions:

1. How has (if) vaccine hesitancy changed over the last few years, particularly among certain populations?
2. What other efforts are needed to allow for better implementation, communication, and education efforts (e.g., RCTs, public messaging?)
3. Should vaccination efforts be conducted outside of traditional outpatient visits? If yes, when, where, and how?
4. What are the most challenging barriers to incorporating immunizations into your practice (e.g., reimbursement, vaccine hesitancy, time constraints), and how do you think you can overcome these barriers?
5. What additional tools or resources do you think the ACC could provide that would help your practice increase or improve its engagement in the CDC standards on immunization?