KEY TAKEAWAYS

The ACC’s Heart House Roundtable, Adult Immunization to Promote Cardiovascular Health, identified the following 10 key opportunities to increase adult immunization in patients with cardiovascular disease.

**01 Effectiveness:** Influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations are highly effective in reducing cardiovascular and all-cause morbidity and mortality.1

**02 Coordination:** Vaccine implementation requires a coordinated effort, with dedicated partnerships between community leaders, governmental organizations, health systems, care team members, and patients. Cardiovascular clinicians share in the responsibility to promote timely vaccination.

**03 Dissemination:** Dissemination of scientific evidence on the efficacy of vaccines and the link to cardiovascular disease is foundational to immunization efforts. This is particularly needed among healthcare specialists.

**04 Patient Engagement:** Patient engagement and activation is integral to effective vaccine delivery. The incremental effects of patient-facing tools should be prospectively studied. Shared decision making is critical for long-term vaccination adherence.

**05 Clinician Engagement:** Designing clinician-facing, technology-based systems for the entire care team to facilitate decision support may be important in promoting vaccination.

**06 Community Engagement:** Community involvement is critical. Community outreach initiatives, availability of vaccination sites and education in frequently accessed community settings, and partnerships with local community organizations helps promote widespread and equitable vaccination.

**07 Building Trust:** Developing trust with the patients and the community is critical; shared decision making is critical for long-term vaccine adherence. Partnering with neutral, respected voices (i.e., faith-based organizations, youth organizations, community-centric areas such as beauty/barber shops, places of worship, etc.) can amplify key messages.

**08 Combatting Mistrust:** Misinformation must be proactively combated. Understanding how the patient-clinician relationship can be used to identify and address misinformation may be an important strategy to overcome mistrust in vaccinations.

**09 New Evidence:** Clinical trials are needed across all settings. These include patient-directed implementation efforts, clinician/health system focused implementation efforts, and community-based implementation efforts.

**10 Equitable and Inclusive Access:** Greater partnerships with policy makers and agencies are needed to overcome structural disparities. A focus on the lower resourced clinics to manage the underserved is also critical.

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