

## **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Encourages Adult Immunizations**

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases has developed a new website to help the general public, healthcare providers, and the media understand the importance of increasing the rate of adult immunizations. Using fact sheets, a simple quiz, and a "Professional Practice Toolkit," the website, [www.adultvaccination.com](http://www.adultvaccination.com), makes it clear which immunizations adults need. The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases works to educate the public and health professionals about the causes, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases.

According to Dr. Susan J. Rehm, medical director of the foundation, adult immunization rates are 50% lower than they should be. Adults are most likely to be immunized for influenza or pneumonia. In order to increase the rates of other immunizations, the foundation has created easy-to-use immunization resources for providers and patients that are available on the website. These include reminder postcards, posters, telephone message scripts, and fact sheets for patients.

Links for more information about adult immunizations:

[http://www.adultvaccination.com/doc/Patient\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.adultvaccination.com/doc/Patient_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

[http://www.adultvaccination.com/doc/CDC\\_Immunization\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.adultvaccination.com/doc/CDC_Immunization_Schedule.pdf)

[http://www.adultvaccination.com/healthcare/toolkit\\_adult\\_vaccine\\_adult\\_immunization.htm](http://www.adultvaccination.com/healthcare/toolkit_adult_vaccine_adult_immunization.htm)

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