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RECENT SURVEY OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FIND VACCINES ARE A LOW PRIORITY AT THE MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT

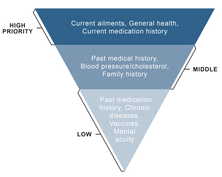
More Education is Needed to Overcome Patient Barriers

This online survey was commissioned by the Alliance for Aging Research to better understand how the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit is being used to promote, track, and educate about vaccines.

It was distributed to 200 primary care physicians and nurse practitioners who conduct the Annual Wellness Visit.

THE SURVEY FOUND...

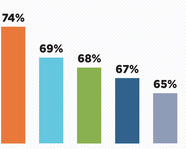
VACCINES ARE A LOW PRIORITY IN MEDICARE WELLNESS VISITS



ONLY 2%

of providers say vaccines are their priority during the Annual Wellness Visit

PROVIDERS BELIEVE A NUMBER OF BARRIERS KEEP MEDICARE PATIENTS FROM GETTING VACCINATED



MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF PROVIDERS SAY THEY NEED MORE VACCINE EDUCATION MATERIALS

Specifically information on:

- STANDARD VACCINES AND THE DISEASES THEY PREVENT
- NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT GET SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS
- FACTS THAT COMBAT COMMON MYTHS/ MISCONCEPTIONS
- RISKS OF NOT GETTING VACCINATED
- VACCINES THAT ARE COVERED AND NOT COVERED BY MEDICARE
- LOCATIONS OF PHARMACIES WITH VACCINES
- BENEFITS OF VACCINES

THE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT CHECKLIST IS NOT ALWAYS USED

- 53% OF PROVIDERS USE THE CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THEY'VE COVERED ALL THE TOPICS
- PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NURSERS TO USE THE CHECKLIST (64% vs. 42%)
- PROVIDERS IN CLINICAL SETTINGS ARE MORE LIKELY TO USE THE CHECKLIST THAN IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS (63% vs. 47%)

NOT ALL PROVIDERS DISCUSS ALL VACCINES

ONLY

20%

DISCUSS THE VACCINES COVERED BY MEDICARE PART B [FLU, PNEUMONIA, HEP B] FOR THOSE AT RISK

NOT ALL VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PROVIDER'S OFFICE

>25%

OF PROVIDERS DO NOT OFFER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE

33%

DO NOT OFFER THE TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINE (TDAP)

36%

DO NOT OFFER PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES

VACCINES AREN'T ALWAYS REQUIRED IN THE HEALTHCARE WORKPLACE

ALMOST

25%

OF HEALTHCARE EMPLOYERS

DO NOT REQUIRE

THEIR EMPLOYEES TO GET

THE ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINE

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Methodology: This poll was conducted between June 18, 2019 – June 22, 2019 among a national sample of Primary Care Physicians and Nurse Practitioners who see Medicare beneficiaries and conduct Annual Wellness Visits.