



FLU UPDATES

ADULT VACCINATIONS

On Wednesday January 11, 2012, the RAND corporation [released a report](#) on promoting adult vaccination as part of routine office-based healthcare. report released yesterday. Rand researchers conducted a comprehensive review of the literature on adult immunization, held a stakeholder workshop, interviewed workshop attendees and other experts, and conducted a phone survey of 1,278 adults. The report said that while most adults receive vaccines in medical offices, only about a fourth of the offices stock all recommended adult vaccines. Obstacles include the short shelf life of some vaccines and inadequate insurance coverage. Even so, the report emphasizes the importance of office-based providers. The authors had five recommendations:

- 1) Strengthen evidence surrounding practice gaps and strategies for promoting vaccination.
- 2) Improve guidance to providers about vaccinating adults.
- 3) Assist providers in making informed decisions about whether to administer vaccinations on site.
- 4) Formalize procedures for referring patients to complementary vaccinators.
- 5) Document vaccination support efforts to facilitate performance-based payment.

RAND Press Release: [Promoting Vaccines in Office-Based Medical Settings Is Needed to Boost Adult Immunization Rates](#)

NEW ARTICLES

- [Recent cases prompt CDC updates on swine-related flu variants](#)
- [Fighting the Flu](#)
- [Influenza Vaccine Market Opportunities and Challenges: Worldwide Forecast](#)
- [Man dies from bird flu in Indonesia: officials](#)
- [Flu activity starting to rise in Europe, parts of US](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Researchers in [Emerging Infectious Diseases](#) assessed data from 11 flu seasons and found the association between invasive pneumococcal pneumonia and influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity varied but was stronger in seasons when the H3N2 flu strain dominated.

The following commentary was also published in [Emerging Infectious Diseases](#): "[1918 Influenza, a Puzzle with Missing Pieces](#)"

H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA

- [Hong Kong downgrades bird flu alert](#)
- [Bird flu and the future of biosecurity](#)

FLU RESOURCES

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MDCH: www.michigan.gov/flu

CDC: www.cdc.gov/flu

HHS: www.flu.gov

MDCH'S MONTHLY FLU POSTERS

January: "[It's a New Beginning. Resolve Not to Get the Flu This Year. It's The Easiest Resolution You'll Ever Make.](#)"

1st National Immunization Conference Online (NICO)

The 1st NICO, a virtual conference, will take place March 26-28, 2012. The conference will be entirely online so no travel is required for presenters or attendees. There is no cost to participate and pre-registration is not required, however attendance at live workshops is limited to the first 1000 people to log in at the start of each session. Workshops will include multiple presentations and will be one hour in length, and will be recorded. Recordings will be made available on the internet after the conclusion of the conference.

For more information go to the CDC's National Immunization Conference [section](#).

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