Tips for Immunizing Pre-Teens and Adolescents

**1. Recommend vaccines!**
Your professional recommendation matters to patients and has a positive impact on their decision to receive vaccines. Use reminders, such as chart notes, stickers and flags, to prompt you to recommend vaccines to your patients and their parents.

**2. Reduce financial barriers**
Participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program which offers low or no cost vaccines to eligible children birth through 18 years of age. Find out more at www.michigan.gov/vfc.

**3. Use standing orders**
Templates for standing orders are available from the Immunization Action Coalition (www.immunize.org) and the AIM Toolkit (www.aimtoolkit.org).

**4. Provide multiple vaccines in a single visit**
Simultaneous administration of needed vaccines is recommended; use separate sites.

**5. Do not miss an opportunity to administer vaccines**
Assess immunization status and vaccinate at every visit – well, sick, sports, and camp physicals.

**6. Use reminder and recall tools to get patients into the office**
The Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) can help create lists and reminder notices. Contact the regional MCIR office for more information or www.mcir.org

**7. Assess your vaccination efforts and provide feedback to those who can affect change**
Without periodic assessment, you can't know how you are doing. MCIR can help determine the adolescent immunization rates in your office.