



Implementing a shared clinical decision-making framework for immunizations

Four steps to implement shared clinical decision-making (SCDM) for immunizations

1. Set immunization goals for your practice
2. Screen patients for recommended immunizations
3. Converse and communicate with patients about immunizations
4. Implement an SCDM framework

1. Set immunization goals for your practice

- Know your patient population
 - Identify high-risk patients in your practice (e.g., adults 65 years and older, patients who are immunocompromised, patients who are pregnant, children, etc.)
- Set practice goals for immunizations
 - Implement shared practice goals for immunizations that may include providing evidence-based information and/or engaging in transparent, open and honest conversations with patients about vaccines

2. Screen patients for recommended immunizations

- Determine which approaches are best to identify and screen patients for recommended immunizations
 - EHR
 - Team huddles
- Screen patients
 - Identify which patients are eligible for which vaccines

3. Converse and communicate with patients about immunizations

- Determine which responsibilities should be assigned to which care team members and the timing and locations of conversations and communications
 - Starting the conversation should be conducted by a health care professional (e.g., physician, nurse, medical assistant, etc.)
 - Follow-up education can be the responsibility of non-clinical staff
- Determine which educational information or tools your practice will implement (e.g., standing orders, SCDM guide, conversation guidance, etc.)
- Timing and location of the conversation and communication
 - Synchronous vs. asynchronous – determine which conversations and communications should occur in a clinic room or telehealth appointment in real-time (i.e., synchronous) and which can occur via a patient portal or with educational materials at a later time (i.e., asynchronous)

4. Implement an SCDM framework

