HIT and Tracking Immunizations: Managing Adult Immunizations

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Welcome

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Presentation Objectives

- Discuss barriers to immunization
  - Identification Barriers
  - Documentation Barriers
  - Data Retrieval

- Tips on improving documentation

- Overcoming the challenges of using the Clinical Decision Support (CDS) rule

- Learn how the 340B Funding Opportunity can assist with purchasing vaccines
Difficult Identification Barriers

- Identifying patients at point of care
- Implementing the CDS rule for "at risk" patients 19-64 years old
- Identifying which Pneumococcal vaccine is needed
Documentation Barriers

- Out of date EHR
- Historical vaccine status
- Alert fatigue
- Point of entry documentation not available
Data Retrieval Barriers
Tips on Improving Documentation

Opportunity to Support Decisions/Actions

Outside Encounters [Population Management]

During Office Visit

http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/makingclinicaldecisionsupportreal_beneficial_part_1.pdf
Improved Documentation

- Accurate immunization data for each patient.
- Ability to better coordinate care.
- Streamline clinical workflow.
- Improve ways to share information with patients and caregivers.
- Eliminate duplicate efforts.
Clinical Decision Support

CDS rule

- Alerts, reminds or directs health care providers according to clinical guidelines

- Identifies “at risk” patients who don’t have a documented immunization in their record

- Reminds the provider to ask the patient if they have received the flagged immunization
Clinical Decision Support (cont.)

Tips for a successful CDS implementation

- Be proactive
- Build your team
- Improve information flow and workflow is key
- Assign a Provider Champion
- Plan and implement education for all users
- Monitor improvement
- Discuss information challenges and opportunities
Be Proactive

Prioritize  Evaluate  Goals  Needs
Build Your Team

Providers

Key Staff

Team

Vendors
Improve Information Flow and Workflow is Key

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Assign a Provider Champion

- Provide clinical guidance
- Work with providers to implement
Plan and Implement Education for All Users

- Vendor Guidance
- Educate Key Players
  - Clinical
  - Non-clinical
- Test and Retest
Monitor Improvement

1. Verify progress
2. Run comparative data
3. Verify historical vs. current immunization documentation
4. Use analytic tools and resources available
5. Monitor ongoing
Discuss Information Challenges and Opportunities

- What are people currently doing?
  - Policy?
  - Think they’re doing (ask)
  - Actually doing (look!)

- What’s working? Problematic?

- Opportunities for improvement?
Patient Portal Reminders

- Convenient communication with patients about preventative health measures including immunizations due

- Upcoming requirement for Meaningful Use
  - Assist with the identification of barriers
  - Help meet the requirement of patient adoption
  - Identify new ways of communicating with patients via the patient portal
Qsource Support

- Activate the CDS Rule for specific vaccines
- Assist with defining and implementing an ideal workflow process
- Workforce training
- Assist in setting up monthly reports to track your progress
- Provide tools and resources for success
- Assistance in patient portal implementation
340B Funding Opportunity

- The program is free

- Eligibility requirements
  - http://1.usa.gov/1U0Jv2J

- New applicants must register
  - http://bit.ly/1O94VGg
  - Registration is open the first of each quarter

https://www.340bpvp.com/controller.html
340B Funding Opportunity (cont.)

- Discount becomes available following quarter
- Covers eligible outpatient drugs
- Apexus is the prime vendor

https://www.340bpvp.com/controller.html
Useful Links

[Image of a webpage with the title "Health Information Technology"]

www.qsource.org/HIT

[Image of a webpage with the title "HealthIT.gov"]

http://www.healthit.gov/

[Image of a webpage with the title "CDC Vaccines"]

http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/
Questions?
Thank You

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