I Raise the Rates Program

Dear ACP Members:

The U.S. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has released its updated recommendations for immunization among adults, which are published in ACP’s *Annals of Internal Medicine* and a link is included here: [http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2484895](http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2484895). ACP’s Center for Quality, working with our chapter on the *I Raise the Rates* program, has supported the development of a brief video by past-ACP President Dr. Sandy Fryhofer, providing a great summary of the current recommendations. You can view the video by clicking the *Audio/Video tab*.

CDC reports in the February 5th issue of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly that immunization rates among adults remain unacceptably low, virtually unchanged over the last several years, with huge racial and ethnic disparities ([http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/ss6501a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/ss6501a1.htm)).

I believe that this state of affairs will not improve until physicians and their staff own immunization of their patients. And that is the premise of the *I Raise the Rates* program – an ACP initiative aimed at helping us efficiently and effectively implement immunizations in our practice. All of you can participate in this program – if you simply want to learn more about immunization recommendations, download resources to educate your patients, find resources to educate your staff or health system, or touch base with a practice coach to help you work on immunization in your practice. I urge every single member to work on *raising the rates*.

Sincerely,

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