
Francis Ferguson, *I Raise the Rates* MD Champion, Highlights Adult Vaccination Strategies at National Immunization Conference

On Thursday, May 17th, Frances Ferguson, MD, MPH, FACP, CCD was the featured speaker at CDC's [48th National Immunization Conference](#) that took place in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Ferguson discussed her work as an immunization champion through ACP's Quality Connect program and described Albany Area Primary Health Care's ability to increase vaccination screenings of adult patients by 40% through patient engagement, education, and follow-up. To review Dr. Ferguson's presentation on strategies that work for increasing adult immunization [click here](#).

Dr. Ferguson has been an immunization champion through ACP's Quality Connect program [I Raise the Rates](#), which is a collaborative, data driven campaign to support patients, physicians, health care teams, systems and communities in raising adult immunization rates and reducing vaccine preventable diseases. The program seeks to assist internists and other primary care providers in both understanding the immunization rates of their patients and make practice changes to promote immunizations.

As a champion and vaccine advocate Dr. Ferguson has worked tirelessly to increase adult immunization rates and reduce health disparities by leading her practice in quality improvement projects aimed at increasing rates, engaging her peers in promoting the importance of immunization, teaching colleagues about strategies that can promote immunization, and promoting immunization in her organization and community.

Dr. Ferguson has over 25 years of diverse experience specialized in internal medicine and currently practices in one of the largest Federally Qualified Community Health Centers in Georgia. She is on staff at Phoebe Putney Memorial hospital and provides care to patients in multiple counties.