



Dear MA Chapter Members,

Would you like to help the MA ACP Chapter work to increase adult immunization rates?

The MA ACP has gotten involved with the Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition (MAIC). You can learn more about them at <http://maic.jsi.com/>. The Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition (MAIC) is a collaborative partnership dedicated to increasing adult immunization through education, networking, and sharing innovative and best practices. There are currently over 200 members representing local and state public health organizations, community health centers, health insurance plans, pharmacies, physicians, vaccine manufacturers, long-term-care and senior service organizations, consumer advocacy groups, hospitals, home health, and college health services.

The Coalition meets quarterly to discuss and strategize around issues such as targeted approaches to increase adult immunization rates in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the supply of publicly and privately purchased vaccine; immunization activities; surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases; analysis of the flu season; and planning for a potential influenza pandemic.

One of the principal activities of the Coalition is the organization of the Annual Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference. The conference draws over 300 individuals from a variety of disciplines committed to increasing adult immunization. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the conference or to register for the conference.

The Massachusetts Chapter is looking for two physicians to represent the chapter and internal medicine physicians at the coalition meetings. Currently the coalition meets at the Massachusetts Medical Society in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. They recognize that this is not terribly convenient for physicians and have considered changing the times as they get more physician representation on the coalition. The next meeting is being held on Tuesday, March 8th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the MMS. There is a conference line available if you are not able to participate in person.

If you are interested in representing the chapter and serving our membership, please contact our Chapter Administrator, Lynda Layer at llayer@mms.org or [781-434-7317](tel:781-434-7317).

We appreciate your consideration.

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