2018 Kansas Immunization Conference Breakout Descriptions

Conference Breakout Session A (June 13, 2018 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM)

A1. Vaccine Adherence in Kids & Adults Fully Funded Programs (Non CEU presentation)

Reminder recall programs have been proven time and time again to improve immunization rates but why do so many healthcare providers not utilize them? Part of the reason is the time and cost of materials involved. What if there was a reminder recall program that was fully funded by a third party that would do all of the hard work for the healthcare provider? This session will look at the need for immunization rate improvement by reviewing the Healthy People 2020 goals for pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunizations, healthcare disparities, and the impact different reminder recall touch-points have on immunization rates. The session will conclude with a presentation on the fully-funded, UNBRANDED, and customizable Pfizer Vaccine Adherence programs.

A2. VFC 2018 – What’s New?

This session will review all the updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the Kansas Immunization Program regarding compliance requirements and eligibility for participation in the Vaccines for Children program. This presentation is repeated as C2.

A3. Providing Vaccine to Uninsured Adults

In this session we will review vaccine recommendations for adults (routine), available pharmaceutical programs for accessing vaccines for uninsured adults and process steps for accessing these vaccines.

A4. Electronic Health Records: Guidance, Updates, Support

After the conclusion of the 2014-2016 EHR Pilot (facilitated through the Kansas Immunization Program), the measures of EHR implementation resulted in both positive and negative impacts on Local Health Departments. This session will explore what lead to both types of results and break down both opportunities and threats when it comes to EHR adoption. Information will cover both qualitative and quantitative results. The session will include an interactive sharing session for those who have already implemented EHRs and address concerns for those considering it. Information provided will also include the current landscape of EHR use in the Kansas LHDs and resources available such as the Kansas Local Public Health Department EHR Implementation Toolkit. This presentation is repeated as B3.

A5. Strengthening Immunization Programs Through Partnerships with MCH- Part 2 from 2017

This session will allow participants the opportunity to provide input on the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 integration of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Aid-to-Local grant with the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) grant. Participants will be able to identify challenges and impacts at the local level since the integration and a chance to share immunization outreach activities that were successful in their community. The Kansas MCH state action plan priorities and measures will be discussed and how local agencies can align current immunization work. A discussion around utilizing data captured in DAISEY to monitoring data quality/validation and to identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration to increase immunization rates to ultimately reduce the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases in Kansas.

A6. Reducing Pain and Trauma Associated with Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations

Needle fear develops between the ages of 4 and 6 years of age and can last a lifetime, effecting health seeking behaviors as adults, so the importance of making immunization appointments as pleasant and least traumatic as possible is important. Minimizing fear, pain, and trauma during immunization administration through distraction, reassurance, and nursing interventions should be a priority to the immunization provider. This session will highlight best practices and evidence-based research that participants can incorporate into their immunization practices.

The University of Kansas Health System established the Neonatal Medical Home (NMH) in January 2013. NMH is a visionary program designed to provide primary care for a specialized population of infants—the NICU graduate after hospital discharge. NMH services include well child, health maintenance visits which include receiving recommended vaccinations. Pediatric sub-specialists and ancillary providers collaborate care on the NMH team which includes SLP, OT, PT, Dietitian, Lactation Consultants, Behavioral Specialists, and Social Worker. Specialized clinics to care for patients with retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) and neurodevelopmental diagnoses are a part of the NMH services. NMH has a very high visit compliance rate, and for back to back quarters last year achieved 100% patient compliance with CDC recommended vaccine series by age 2.

B2. The Lesser of Two Measles

During July of 2017, a measles cases was identified as having arrived in South Central Kansas from out of the country. The response that was collaboratively initiated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Sedgwick County, and other surrounding counties as a result of this sentinel event will be discussed from identification to closure. Honest discussions will be presented around both the successes and challenges that the response encountered, as well as identified areas of improvement for future responses. This presentation is repeated as C6.

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B4. Overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy: Practical Tips for Talking to Parents and Patients (Non CEU presentation)

Conversations about vaccines in today’s world can be challenging. Attitudes and beliefs about immunization range widely, from ready acceptance to questioning, hesitancy, resistance, and outright rejection. Our goal in this program is to increase the professional’s confidence and comfort level in discussing immunizations with parents and patients, answering their questions, and responding to their concerns. Participants will not only learn about specific communication techniques for addressing common concerns about and objections to vaccines, but will also have an opportunity to see those techniques demonstrated by our expert faculty through the use of practical patient cases.

B5. Patient Eligibility, Verification and Documentation for High Standards

The reasons behind the need to verify eligibility will be presented. The verification process will be discussed to include accessing Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) website. How to verify eligibility and how to determine the funding source. The requirement for proper documentation of eligibility in an electronic medical record (EMR) will also be covered.


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Conference Breakout Session C (June 14, 2018 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM)

C1. Systems Approach to Improve Adolescent Vaccination Rates

Increasing immunization rates in 11-17 year old population, tips and techniques to present immunizations to patients and parents, as well ways to handle declinations and best practice process. We will present on importance of recommending ALL Kansas recommended vaccines, not only what is necessary for school. We will talk about clinic process to improving completion rates and share proven methods to increase rates in their clinics.

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C4. Herpes Zoster Vaccination Guidelines (Non CEU presentation)

This presentation will cover the Shingles Disease state overview, including the burden of illness, the most recent Shingles ACIP recommendations, and information on Shingrix efficacy, safety and prescribing information.

C5. HPV Discussion (Non CEU presentation)

This presentation will address HPV disease and vaccination successes in preventing cancer. Guidelines for proper vaccination schedules will be discussed.

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