



# Steps to a Successful Vaccination Program



**Annually, vaccine-preventable diseases claim the lives of approximately 50,000 U.S. adults.**

- (1) Educate potential vaccine recipients
  - Patients
  - Facility Staff members
- (2) Promote vaccination
  - Develop a campaign - use posters, flyers and newsletters
  - Create a mandatory declination form for employees who opt out of the flu vaccination
  - Secure senior management and administrator support/involvement
  - Create a “thermometer” poster to display your facility’s growing vaccination rate and target goal
  - Celebrate success
  - Be Creative
- (3) Increase access to vaccination services
  - Hold a vaccination clinic
  - Offer vaccines throughout the day and on all shifts including weekends
  - Provide patients and staff a list of vaccination clinics in their area
- (4) Use reminder-recall systems
  - Immunizations are due soon (reminder) or past due (recall)
  - Use to remind patients or used to remind providers
  - Clips on charts, stamps or computer-generated lists
- (5) Implement standing orders for vaccinations in all patient’s charts unless patient has an adverse reaction to vaccines
- (6) Assess practice-level vaccination rates and provide feedback to staff members

## Resources:

**Immunization Action Coalition:** [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)

**CDC:** [www.cdc.gov/flu/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/)

**ESRD Network of Texas, Inc.:** [www.esrdnetwork.org](http://www.esrdnetwork.org)

**5 Diamond Patient Safety Program:** [www.5diamondpatientsafety.org](http://www.5diamondpatientsafety.org)



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