

A photograph of a woman with short, curly, reddish-brown hair, smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved shirt. A healthcare provider, whose face is partially visible in profile on the right, is applying a small white bandage to her left shoulder. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a clinical setting. The image has a soft, warm color palette with a pinkish-red tint on the left and a light blue tint on the right.

# Patient Vaccine Education Kit

This kit includes educational resources to help increase awareness about adult vaccinations and to promote conversations with your provider.

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This education kit addresses relevant topics related to adult vaccination.

## How to use the resources in this kit

See an overview of each resource by clicking on the title.

### How to Print

To print any material contained in this kit, click on the thumbnail image to open a printable PDF.

### Have Questions?

Talk to your provider to learn more about your vaccination needs.



# Importance of Adult Vaccinations

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## Importance of Adult Vaccinations

Every year, many people contract diseases that may have been prevented by vaccinations.<sup>1</sup>



Vaccination can help prevent certain diseases

- Vaccines play a vital role in lowering your risk of getting vaccine-preventable diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccinations throughout your life to protect against many infections. When you skip vaccines, you leave yourself vulnerable to illnesses.<sup>2</sup>
- According to the National Health Interview Survey, as of 2022, many adults in the US remained unprotected against vaccine-preventable diseases.<sup>3</sup>



Vaccination provides benefits even in cases where the vaccine does not fully prevent illness

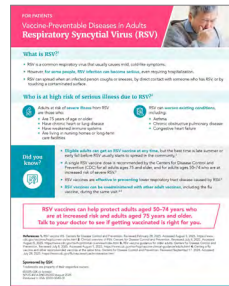
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce the severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.<sup>4</sup>

This resource discusses the importance of adult vaccination for the prevention of certain vaccine-preventable diseases, especially for older adults and those with chronic conditions.

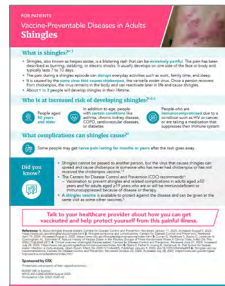




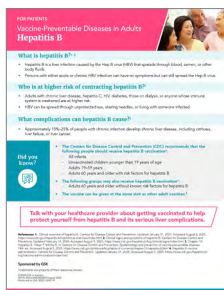
# Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in Adults (not an all-inclusive list)



Respiratory Syncytial  
Virus (RSV)



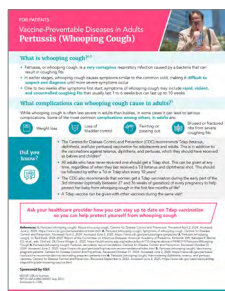
Shingles



Hepatitis B



Influenza (Flu)



Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

These resources explain how specific vaccine-preventable diseases can affect older adults, outline associated chronic conditions and health risks, and list the recommended vaccinations for each disease.




# Coverage of Vaccines & Cost-Sharing Benefits


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## Coverage of Vaccines & Cost-Sharing Benefits

Coverage for most adult vaccines is available to you under private insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid


**Private Insurance<sup>1</sup>**

All Health Insurance Marketplace plans and most<sup>2</sup> private insurance plans must cover certain vaccines without charging a copayment or coinsurance when provided by an in-network provider

**Medicare Part B**


Medicare Part B covers COVID-19, flu, pneumococcal vaccines, and hepatitis B vaccines<sup>3,4</sup>

Vaccines for treatment of an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition, such as rabies or tetanus, are also covered<sup>4</sup>

**Medicare Part D<sup>5</sup>**

Medicare Part D covers all vaccines approved by the FDA that are not covered by Medicare Part B

Shingles vaccine and non-injury-related tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough boosters are covered by Part D

**Medicaid<sup>6</sup>**

Medicaid covers all vaccines approved by the FDA that are given according to CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recommendations

**FDA** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates drugs, biological products, and medical devices, among others, to protect public health, and ensures that they are tested for safety, quality, and effectiveness<sup>7</sup>

\*Coverage and out-of-pocket costs are made by individual insurance plans and may be subject to change.

<sup>1</sup>If the patient meets at least one of the following conditions: 1) never received a complete series of hepatitis B shots, 2) patient does not know their vaccination history, or 3) the patient has any other condition that puts them at medium or high risk for hepatitis B (like living with someone who has hepatitis B).

This resource describes how insurance coverage works for recommended vaccines and outlines the cost-sharing benefits for patients.





# Recommended Year-Round Immunization



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## Recommended Year-Round Immunization

Certain routine vaccines can be scheduled throughout the year. Be proactive about your health and stay up to date

**People may tend to batch their shots around flu season.** While this can be convenient, it may cause delays in getting protection from diseases that can be prevented by vaccines

**Did you know?** Missed vaccinations may lead to an increased risk of illness and complications from preventable diseases<sup>1</sup>

**Actions you can take to stay current with your vaccinations:**

- Talk to your doctor about your vaccination status** during each visit
- Develop a plan with your doctor** to schedule necessary vaccinations

**Not sure which vaccines you need?** Talk to your doctor or pharmacist for more information on which vaccines are appropriate for you. They can help create a **personalized vaccine calendar** for you. You may be able to get more than one vaccine in the same visit

**Planning to travel soon?** Ask your provider about additional vaccines that you may benefit from depending on where you are traveling

This educational resource lists the routine vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that are available throughout the year.



Talk to your healthcare provider about how  
you can get vaccinated to help protect yourself  
against certain vaccine-preventable diseases

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