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## ASCO Practice Leadership Series

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2021-2026 CMSS/CDC Adult Immunization  
Project Overview

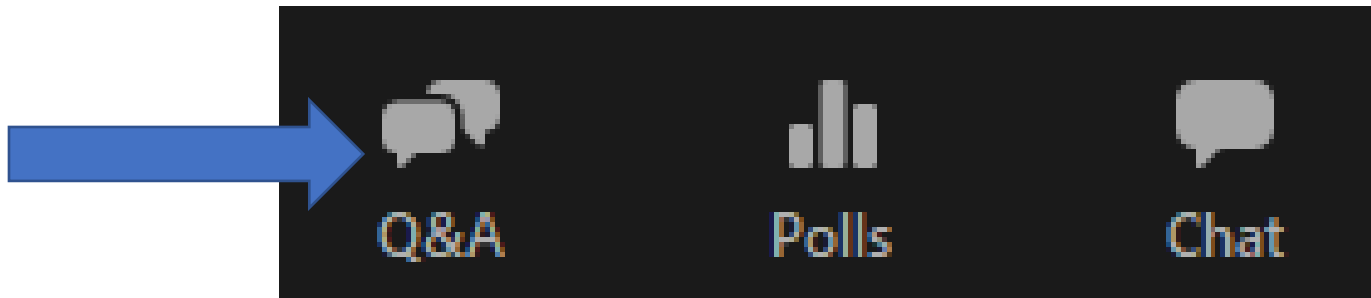
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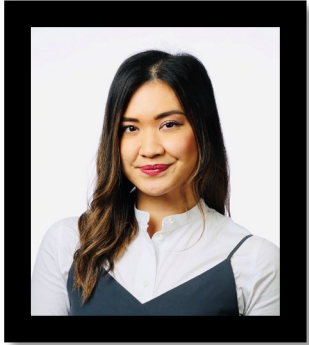
Networking for Education and Transformation

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# Speakers



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# 2021-2026 CMSS/CDC Adult Immunization Project Overview

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# IP21-2111 CDC Cooperative Agreement

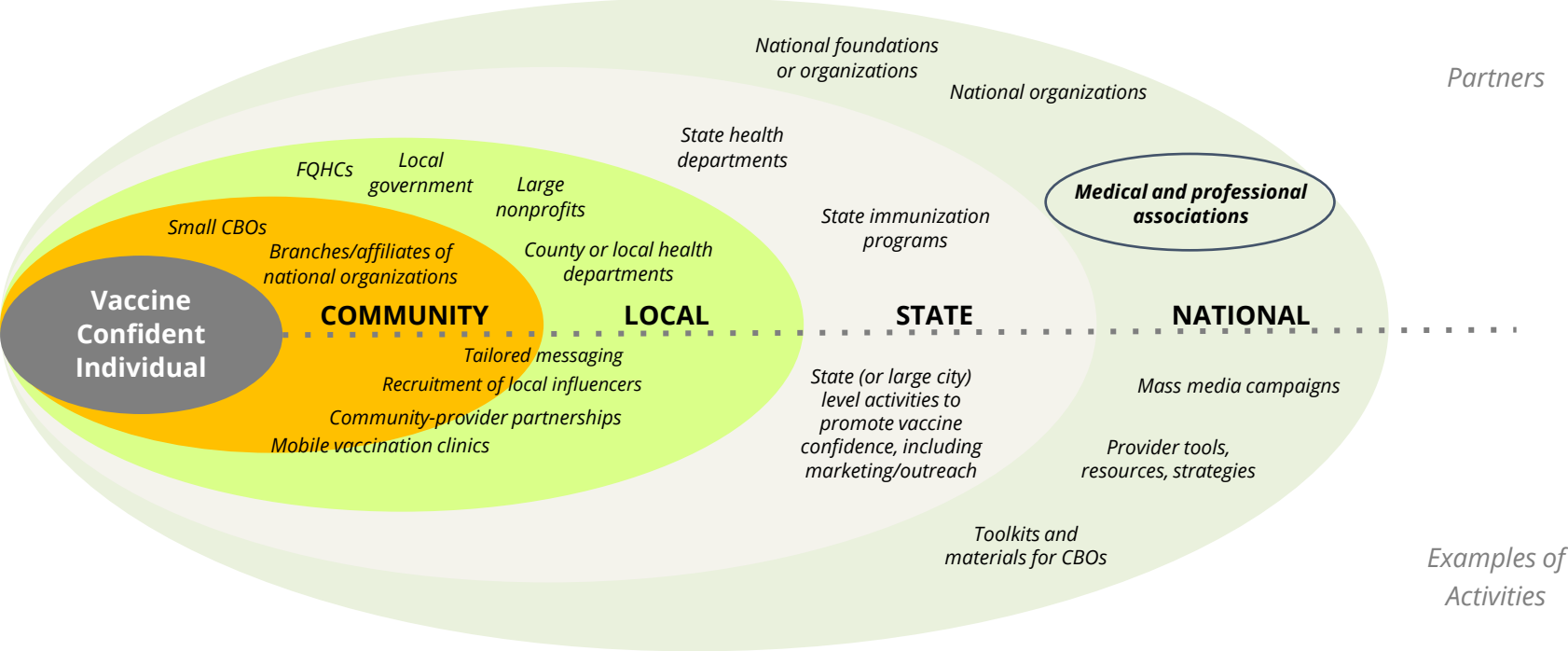
*CDC-RFA-IP21-2111: Improving Adult Immunization Rates for COVID-19, Influenza, and Routine Adult Vaccinations through Partnerships with Medical Subspecialty Professional Societies and the Long-Term Care Professional Society*

Two separate awards to **Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)** and The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (AMDA)

- CMSS \$22M/1<sup>st</sup> year; \$55.5M/5 years
- AMDA (\$10.5/5 years)

September 30, 2021 – September 29, 2026

# CDC is partnering with entities at national, state, local, and community levels to improve vaccine access, confidence, and uptake among disproportionately impacted adult populations



# Goal: CDC Cooperative Agreement

This 5-year cooperative agreement will **increase COVID-19, influenza and routine adult vaccination coverage** in subspecialty staff and patients with chronic medical conditions, staff and patients in occupational health clinics



# ASCO Vaccination Priorities: Year 1-5

ASCO will initially prioritize influenza and COVID-19 vaccines and expand as detailed below:

Years 1-2: Influenza and COVID-19

Year 3: Pneumococcal

Year 4: Zoster

Year 5: Post-transplant immunization

# Subspecialty Society Partners

American  
Association of  
Clinical  
Endocrinology

American College  
of Cardiology

American College  
of Occupational  
and Environmental  
medicine

American  
Geriatrics Society

**American Society  
of Clinical  
Oncology**

American Society  
of Nephrology

American Thoracic  
Society

# Subspecialty Society Responsibilities

- CMSS-funded subspecialty societies should fund staff at the national level and in regional chapters to update vaccination policies and encourage use of adult vaccinations as quality measures.
- CMSS subspecialty societies should also contract with 7–10 healthcare systems each, respectively, to implement adult immunization quality improvement interventions.

# ASCO Workplan – Part 1

- Engage with 7 practices/systems on a quality improvement initiative
  - Funding to health systems to hire project coordinator and other needs
    - \$250,000 year one, \$750,000 expected five-year total
    - Sample Year 1 Budget:
      - Project Coordinator: \$105,000
      - Physician Champion stipend: \$20,000
      - One or more IT activities: \$125,000
      - TOTAL Year 1: \$250,000

# Funding Details

- \$250,000 Year 1 funding per health system is included in funds already allocated by the CDC for the current fiscal year
- \$250,000 is the total amount, inclusive of direct and indirect
- The remaining \$500,000 is contingent upon future appropriations
- Sample budget is illustrative, not prescriptive in actual salaries
- ASCO will reimburse health systems on a reasonable cost basis following CDC budgeting rules

# ASCO Workplan – Part 2

- Engage ASCO members to identify opportunities for further outreach, clinical guidance, and education on standards of adult immunization practice
- ASCO will assess knowledge and engagement among its member clinicians related to vaccines for COVID-19, influenza, and other adult immunizations, to include:
  - Personal practice activities of vaccine assessment, recommendations, and administration or referral
  - Awareness of current clinical guidance and any perceived gaps in available guidance
  - Awareness and member perception of usefulness of available educational materials

# ASCO Workplan – Part 3

- Performance Measurement:
  - The project participants (CDC, CMSS, ASCO, and other societies) are interested in 13 measure concepts—final measures will be determined in Summer 2022. ASCO will work with Health Systems to identify available data and methods for reporting. For a complete list of performance measures, please refer to: [ASCO-CMSS-CDC-Health-System-Information-Sheet.pdf](#)
  - Performance measure results will be hosted and maintained by ASCO initially within REDCap Data Management System.

# Health System

## Clinical Data

- Patient-level, with some degree of integration with IIS
- Entire population from the clinic where QI intervention(s) occur

## Patient Data

- Patient-level collected through a survey (to be developed)
- Sample of patients from the clinic where QI intervention(s) occur

# Society

## Clinical Data

- De-identified, aggregated counts (e.g., numerator, denominator, exclusions/exceptions, demographics) for each health system

## Patient Data

- De-identified, aggregated counts (e.g., response rate, item responses, demographics) for each health system

# CMSS

## Clinical Data

- De-identified, aggregated counts across the health systems for each society
- Stratified by race/ethnicity and other demographics

## Patient Data

- De-identified, aggregated counts across the health systems for each society
- Stratified by race/ethnicity and other demographics



# ASCO Workplan – Part 4

- Facilitate Thematic Quality Training Program to assess current state workflows and drive improvements: 6-month course, plus ongoing support
- Development of provider training course from ASCO Education
- Development of patient education fact sheets from Cancer.Net
- Clinical Guidance
  - Following procedures defined in the ASCO Guidelines Methodology Manual, ASCO will develop a clinical practice guideline, or endorse or modify an existing guideline, on the role of vaccination in adult cancer patients.

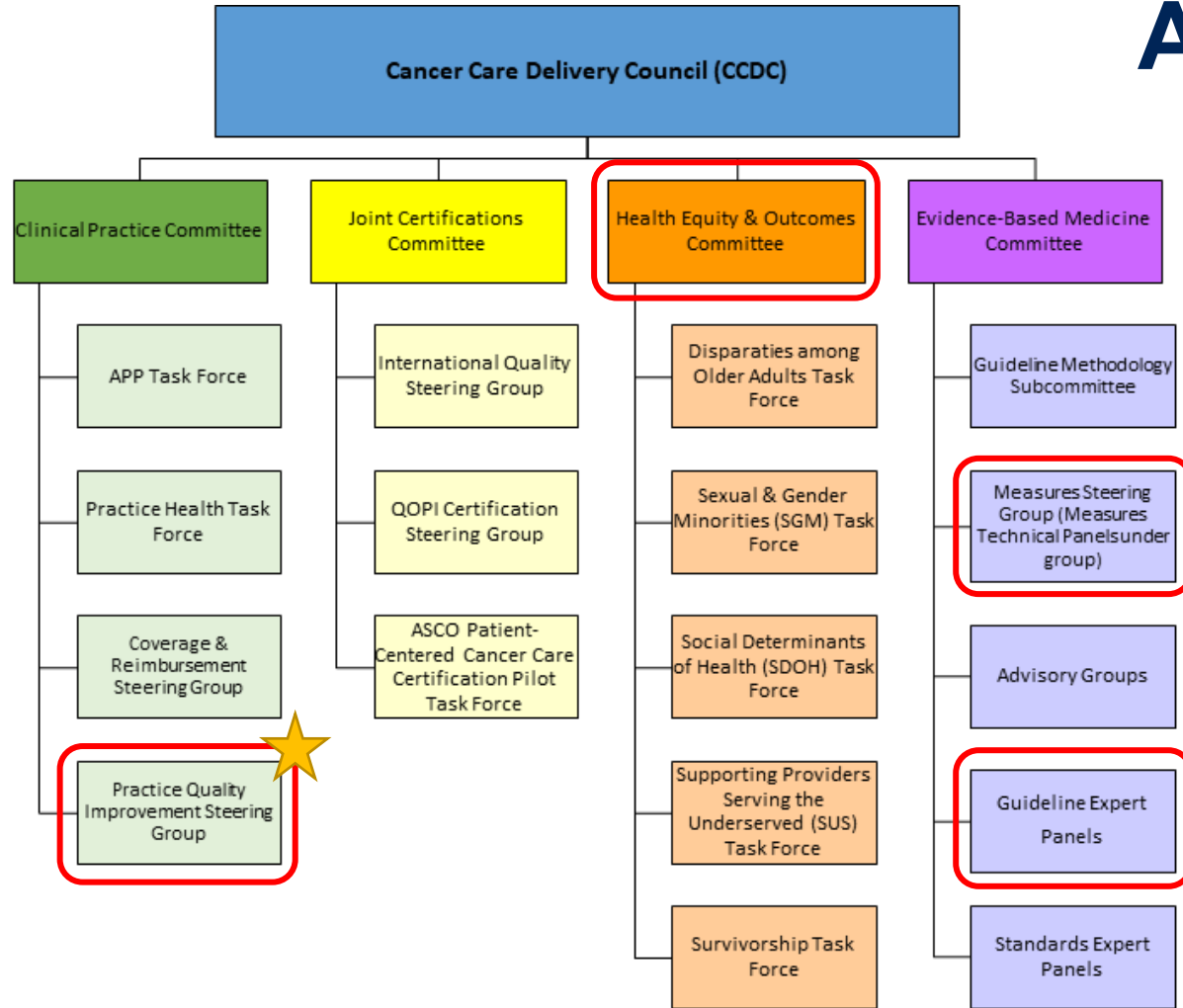
# ASCO Workplan – Part 5

- Share learnings with oncology community:
  - Policy statements
  - Guidelines
  - Measures
  - Posters/presentations at society meetings / symposia
  - ASCO Education course
  - Cancer.Net patient fact sheets
  - Other vaccine champions within selected health systems

# ASCO Workplan Timeline



# ASCO Groups Involved



Also  
Education Council  
Cancer.NET

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ASCO Vaccine  
Advisory Committee

Vaccine Project  
Health Systems  
Representative

# Recruitment

- 7 health systems
  - Hospitals, private practices, health systems
  - At least 10,000 active hematology and oncology patients, annually, or meets one or more high priority criteria
  - Agrees to employ a full-time Project Coordinator
  - Has identified a Physician Champion
  - Collects immunization status for influenza and COVID-19 within EHR or agrees to do so within 6 months
  - Agrees to participate in performance measurement and quality training activities, and comply with all agency requirements and terms
  - Has a letter of support from a senior officer of the health system

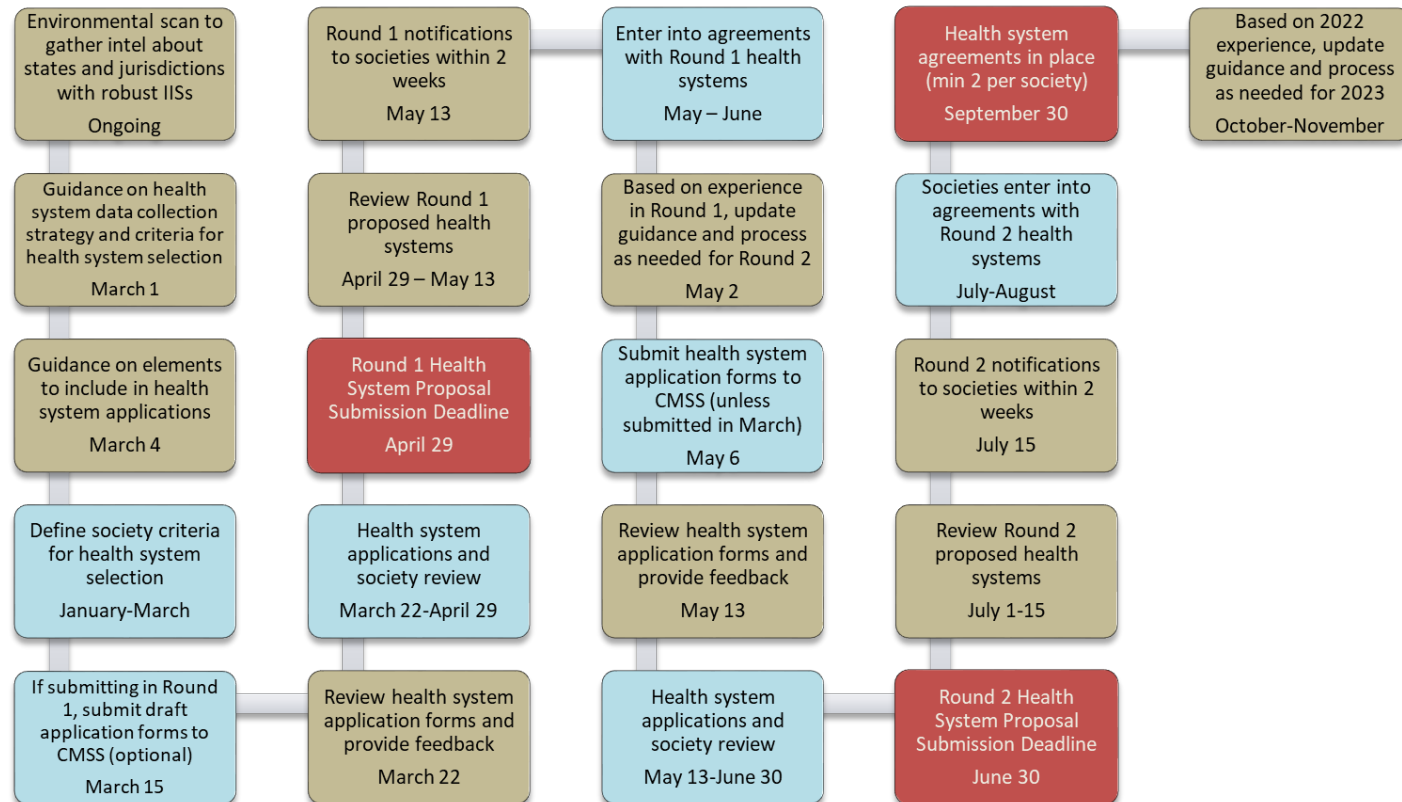
# Recruitment (continued)

- G. High priority criteria (desire at least one health system with each):
1. Includes a Safety Net Hospital for inclusion in project activities
  2. Health system has 25% or more of their hematology and oncology patients residing or treated in a rural area
  3. Health system has 25% or more of their hematology and oncology patients residing or treated in a Medically Underserved Population (MUP) area
  4. Health system has 50% of their hematology and oncology patients identified as non-White or White Hispanic
  5. Includes an allogeneic and autologous bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cell transplant program identified for inclusion in project activities

# Evaluation Criteria

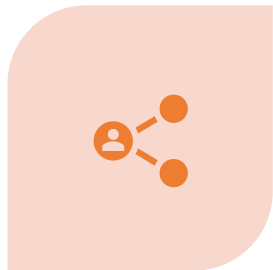
- A. Minimum criteria met
- B. Health system has demonstrated experience with improving vaccine awareness, vaccination activity, and/or addressing vaccine hesitancy within their patient population
- C. Health system has demonstrated experience with clinical quality improvement initiatives
- D. Health system has established an interface with a state or regional immunization information system OR intends to do so within 12 months
- E. Health system administers influenza and COVID-19 within its cancer center(s)
- F. Health system has articulated clear aims and proposed approaches to improve vaccine awareness, vaccination activity, and addressing vaccine hesitancy

# Health System Selection Process: Detailed Steps and Timeline





# Project Status as of April 2022



RECRUITMENT LAUNCHED MARCH 15, 2022 – SEE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT [HERE](#). APPLICATIONS DUE TO ASCO **APRIL 29, 2022**.



ASCO SUBMITTED REVISED WORKPLAN TO CMSS WITH ADDED DELIVERABLES FROM CMSS AND CDC.



ASCO PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS ENGAGED PROJECT ACTIVITY LEADS TO GO OVER SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES.



NOMINATED MICHAEL KENG, M.D., CHAIR OF PQISG TO BE ASCO REPRESENTATIVE ON CMSS PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

# Upcoming Next Steps



CONTINUE RECRUITMENT OF HEALTH SYSTEMS UNTIL APRIL 29, 2022, AND DECIDE WHETHER TO EXTEND APPLICATION DEADLINE



SUBMIT HEALTH SYSTEM APPLICATIONS TO CMSS AND COLLECT FEEDBACK, IF ANY



SCHEDULE MEETING WITH PQISG TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND FINALIZE SELECTIONS



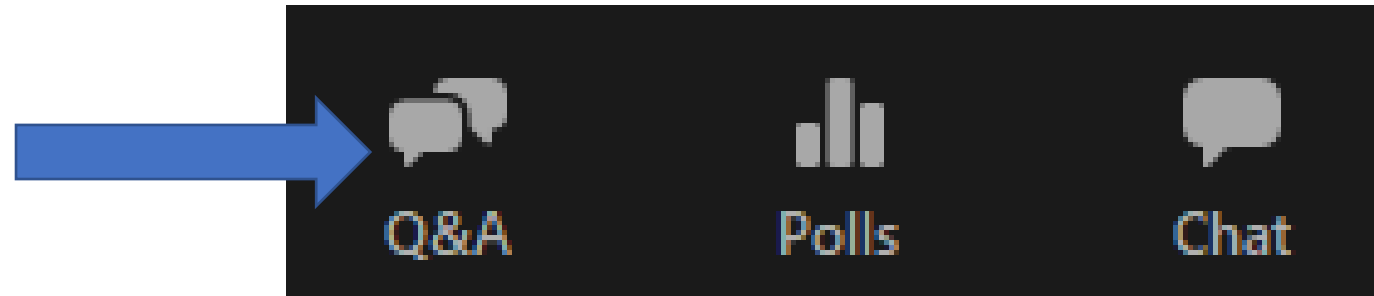
ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH HEALTH SYSTEMS BY MAY/JUNE



SCHEDULE ORIENTATION WEBINARS FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS BY SEPTEMBER

# Questions?

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For more information, or to provide recommendations on health systems, please contact Hazel Afroilan, Quality Performance Improvement and Grants Manager at [hazel.afroilan@asco.org](mailto:hazel.afroilan@asco.org).

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- Covers multiple service lines
  - Providers and APPS
  - Medical oncology/hematology
  - Radiation oncology
  - Gynecologic oncology
  - Oncology Care Model
- Must have at least 1 ASCO member at your practice
- Contact us at [practicenet@asco.org](mailto:practicenet@asco.org)

# Next Call

- Thursday, May 19
  - PracticeNET Spring Meeting Recap
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 4:00pm Eastern Time

<https://practice.asco.org/calendar>