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2021-2026 CMSS/CDC Adult Immunization  
Project Update

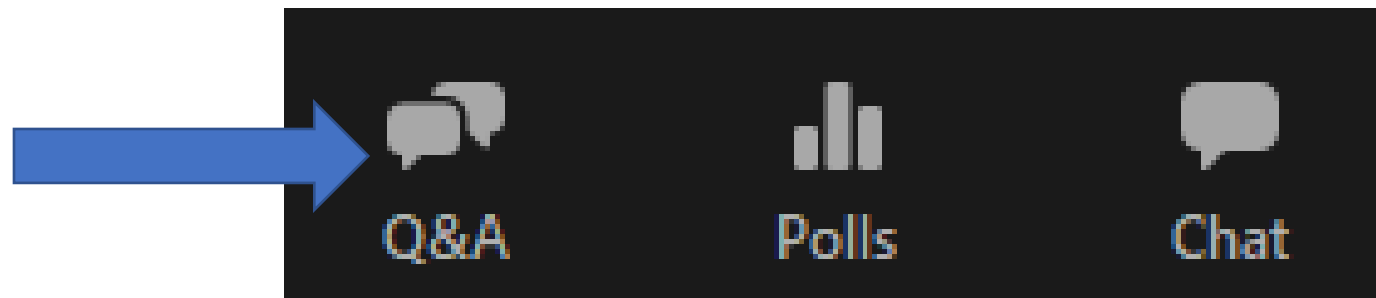
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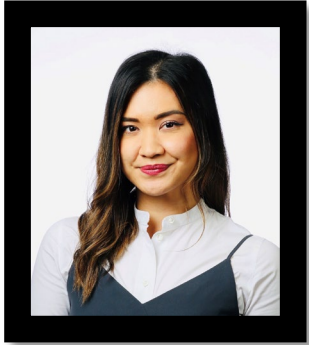
Networking for Education and Transformation

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# Speakers



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# 2021-2026

# Specialty Societies Advancing Adult Immunization (SSAAI) Project Update

*(formerly CMSS/CDC Adult Immunization  
Project)*

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# IP21-2111 CDC Cooperative Agreement

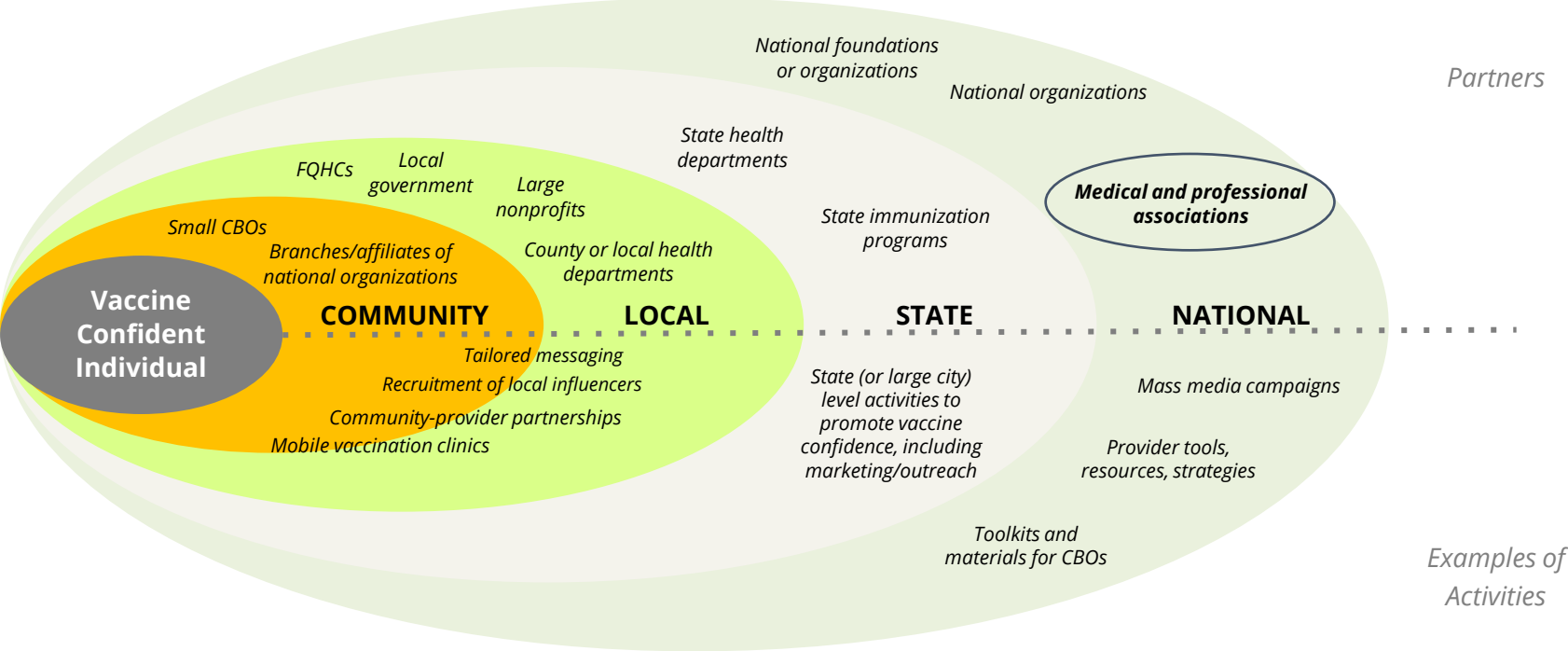
*CDC-RFA-IP21-2111: Improving Adult Immunization Rates for COVID-19, Influenza, and Routine Adult Vaccinations through Partnerships with Medical Subspecialty Professional Societies and the Long-Term Care Professional Society*

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





# Standards of **A**dult **I**mmunization **P**ractice

- **ASSESS** the immunization status of all your patients at every clinical encounter.
- Strongly **RECOMMEND** vaccines that your patients need.
- **ADMINISTER** needed vaccines or **REFER** your patients to a vaccination provider.
- **DOCUMENT** vaccines received by your patients.

# 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

# ASCO Workplan Timeline



# 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

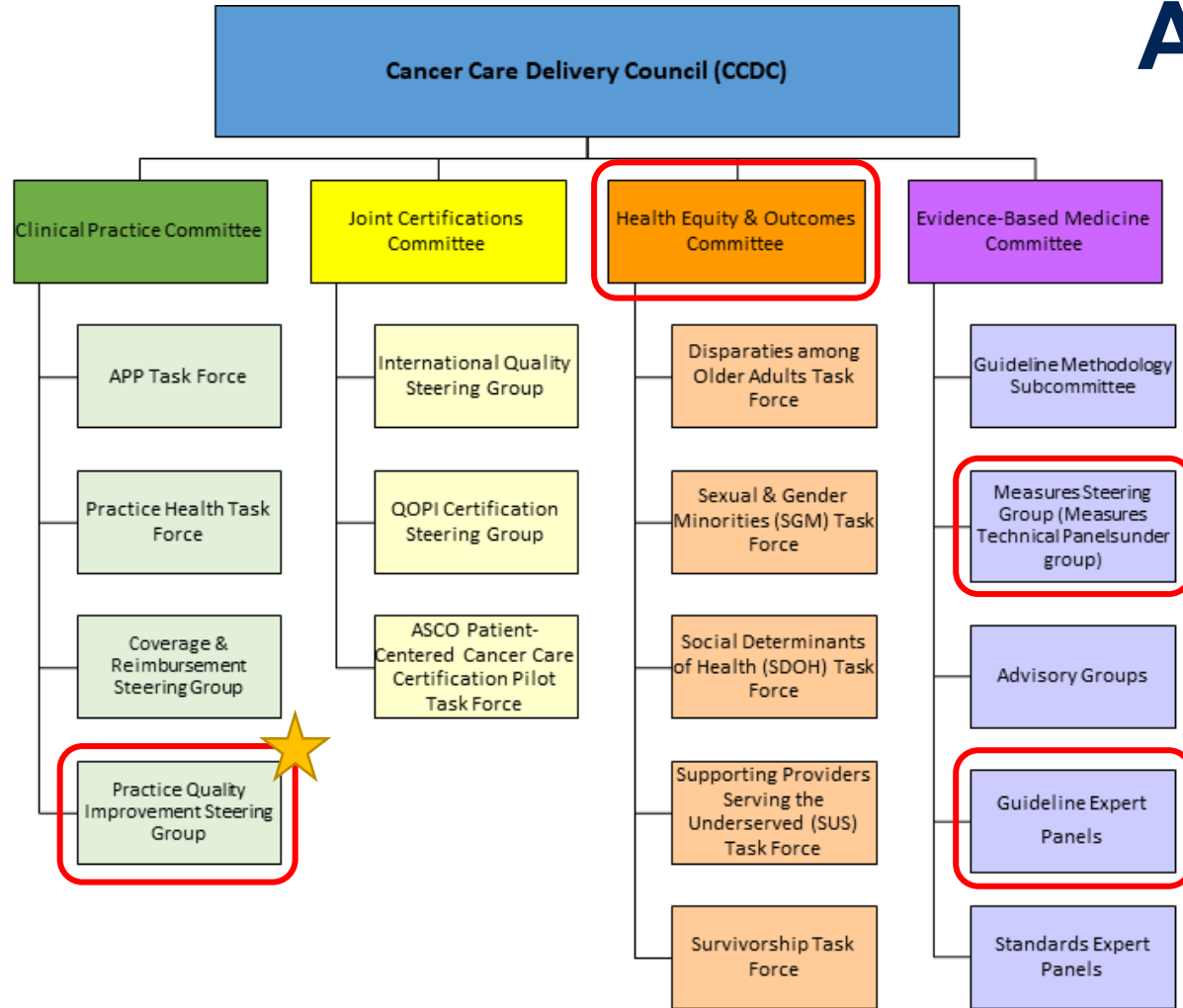
American Society  
of Nephrology

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 Groups Involved



Also  
Education Council  
Cancer.NET

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ASCO Vaccine  
Advisory Committee

Vaccine Project  
Health Systems  
Representative

# ASCO Health System Partners

- ASCO has selected 8 health systems to engage in this project
  - Providing \$250,000 in Year 1 funding per health system
  - The remaining \$500,000 is contingent upon future appropriations
- Health System Deliverables:
  - Quality Training Program
  - Focus Groups
  - Completion of Quality Improvement Projects
  - Abstracts Submission

# ASCO Workplan Workstream Updates – Part 1

- Health System Partnerships

- Recruitment closed in May 2022
- ASCO's Practice Quality Improvement Steering Group chose 8 applicants and 1 alternate
- All 9 applications were approved by CMSS and CDC

- Health System Onboarding

- Orientation began November 2022
- In-Person Meeting in January 2023

## ASCO Deliverable

Engage 8 Health Systems in project activities to include performance measurement, quality training, professional education, and patient education.



# ASCO Workplan Workstream Updates – Part 2

- Society Member Engagement

- ASCO and CMSS questionnaire development for focus group facilitation
- ASCO's implementation and recruitment plan for three separate focus groups
- Focus groups analysis to complete by end of January 2023
- Findings to be shared by February 2023; findings will be shared with Guidelines, Professional and Patient Education teams

## ASCO Deliverable

Assess Engagement  
through Focus Groups of  
ASCO Members and  
Health System  
Representatives

# ASCO Workplan Workstream Updates – Part 3

## • Quality Training

- Scheduled all three learning sessions for 2023
  - January 12-13, March 9-10, June 16
- Determined learning objectives and finalized learning session agendas
- Paired each health system with a QTP coach
- Facilitated Learning Session 1
- Thematic Sessions included:
  - Introduction to Standards of Adult Immunization Practice (SAIP) and Approach from QI Perspective
  - How to Be a Clinical Champion
  - Oncology Vaccination Guidance

### ASCO Deliverable

Health systems staff will participate in ASCO's Quality Training Program (QTP). ASCO's QTP will provide Health Systems with training on quality improvement methodologies, education related to project goals, and coaching support throughout the project.

# ASCO Workplan Workstream Updates – Part 4

- Performance Measurement

- CMSS received a supplemental award to contract with a data management vendor
- Final vendor selection has been submitted to CMSS board and CDC for approval
- Data vendor will work with health systems to determine feasibility and variances for each measure
- Baseline vaccination rates (if available) and existing vaccination-related guidelines, policies, and protocols have been collected from each health system

## ASCO Deliverable

ASCO will deploy systems to collect performance measurements from Health Systems on monthly and quarterly bases (dependent on measure).

# ASCO Workplan Workstream Updates – Part 5

- Clinical Guidance

- Co-chairs were selected for Expert Panel on Vaccination Guidance for Adults with Cancer
- Developed full panel member list
- Scheduled initial panel meeting for January 2023
- Guideline development or modification planned to be completed by September 2023
- Publication of guideline TBD

## ASCO Deliverable

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 Workstream Updates – Part 6

- Professional and Patient Education

- ASCO completed a gap analysis on ASCO current educational materials
- Ongoing updates to Cancer.Net for Coronavirus pages and other adult immunization for cancer patients
- Pending findings from member and health system focus groups, ASCO will begin development of e-learning modules and patient fact sheets on adult immunization in 2023

## ASCO Deliverable

Based upon needs identified in member survey results, as well as from Quality Training activities:

- ASCO will develop two online courses for physicians and other clinicians on addressing vaccines.
- ASCO will develop two patient information fact sheets, to be produced in English, Spanish, Standard Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese, to address vaccine awareness and vaccine hesitancy.

# ASCO Workplan Dissemination Strategies

- 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

# Upcoming Next Steps



Finalize analysis of focus groups feedback and share with internal workstreams



Monitor monthly progress from health systems on QI Interventions



Facilitate QTP Learning Session 2 on March 9-10 and Learning Session 3 on June 16



Begin preliminary planning for ASCO site assessment



# Questions?

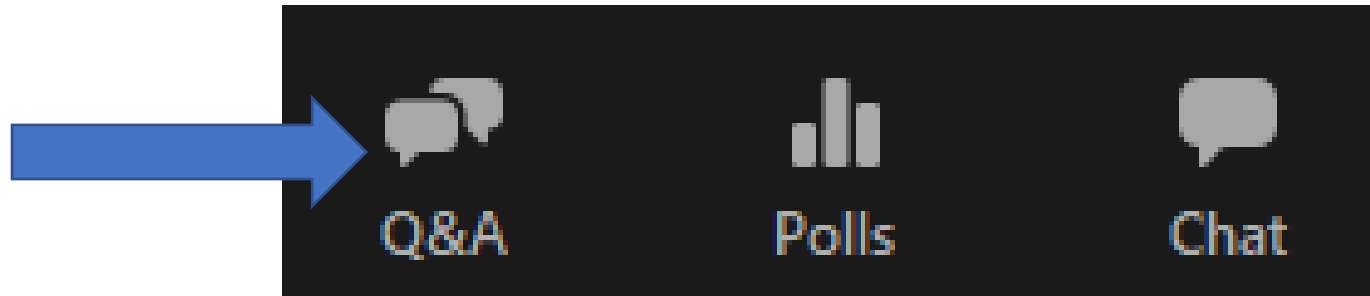
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# Next Call

- Thursday, February 16
  - Topic TBD
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 4:00pm Eastern Time

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