



ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNIZATION MANAGERS

2010 Research Activities

AIM Surveys

Name/Date	Summary	*AIM Recommendation*	Outcome
Meningococcal Vote at ACIP Survey: 10/10	Survey of program managers to gather feedback related to the proposed ACIP vote to revise the adolescent meningococcal recommendation.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results indicated that 51% of responding programs (35 of 64) would prefer ACIP votes to keep the primary recommendation for all 11-12 yrs. old and revaccinate all adolescents at 16 yrs. 72% anticipate a problem with implementing a new recommendation. 74% of programs indicated that potential provider confusion influenced their decision about how the ACIP should vote, following with 63% of programs that are concerned with the potential decrease in coverage rate if the vote is shifted to 15 yrs. • Results were communicated at the October ACIP meeting. • Results were distributed to AIM members via the AIM Weekly update.
Influenza Planning Survey: 8/10	Survey of program managers to investigate if states are using web-based flu finders and use of community vaccinators for the upcoming influenza season.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results indicated that 48% of responding programs (25 of 64) were going to set up a web-based flu finder, 24% were not and 28% did not know at the time of the survey. Six programs were planning to work with community vaccinators, to include companies such as Flubusters and Visiting Nurses Association. The six programs were also planning to use the community vaccinators for School-located vaccination clinics. • Results were distributed to AIM members via the AIM Weekly update.

ACIP Permissive Recommendation for HPV vaccine in Males Survey: 6/10	Survey of program managers to investigate the programmatic impact of the ACIP permissive recommendation for HPV in males.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results indicated that there is a variation between how responding immunization programs (39 of 64) interpret ACIP permissive recommendations. Most programs have requested more VFC funds and make HPV vaccine available for males, but immunization programs and providers may not encourage or promote the vaccine. • Results were distributed to AIM members in the AIM Weekly Update. • Results presented to the ACIP Work Group for HPV. • AIM is submitting an abstract for 2011 NIC.
Universal Influenza Vaccination Vote at ACIP Survey: 2/10	Survey of program managers to gather feedback on the proposed ACIP universal influenza recommendation.	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results indicated that 79% of responding programs (33 of 64) prefer the ACIP recommend to begin vaccination of all adults, if feasible, as soon as influenza vaccine is available during the 2010—11 influenza season. Otherwise, begin vaccination of all adults no later than during the 2011--12 influenza season. • Survey results were communicated at the February ACIP meeting.
AIM Vaccine Wastage Project: 7/09-8/09	Immunization Program documentation of vaccine wastage in order to characterize the events that result in wastage and to demonstrate the frequency and financial impact of these events	Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results document the impact of vaccine wasted due to improper storage: the calculated value of publicly funded vaccine reported wasted during this 8-week period was \$1,167,781. • Preliminary results were presented to AIM membership and project leads via conference call. State-specific results were shared with individual responding states. • Results presented at the 2009 AIM/CDC Program Managers meeting and a poster at the 2010 NIC. • Survey results prompted the CDC to invite AIM to join the CDC Thermal Stability Work Group. • AIM is currently working on a manuscript and Issue Brief

AIM Collaborations

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Emory University Vaccine Center Public Health Preparedness H1N1 Survey: 7/10-8/10	Survey of program managers to investigate the management of H1N1 Vaccination Campaign and the relationship with health agency preparedness staff	Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results will be presented during a joint AIM and Emergency preparedness coordinators/directors webinar. • Abstracts are being submitted for the 2011 NIC.
CDC/RTI Kindergarten Assessment Survey: 7/10-10/10	Survey of immunization programs to understand the barriers and facilitators to conduct kindergarten assessments.	Suggested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results present to members at the 2010 Program Managers Meeting. • An abstract is being submitted for the 2011 NIC.
University of Michigan H1N1 Simultaneous Tracking Results: 9/09-01/10	Weekly phone interviews of program managers to investigate progress and challenges related to the H1N1 Vaccination Campaign	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results indicate that decisions and strategies varied across programs and were closely related to vaccine supply. Providing weekly data on how implementation was proceeding across project areas was a valuable resource for both state and federal officials. • Results made available to membership on the AIM members only H1N1 planning web page, presented at the 2009 Program Managers meeting and presented at the 2010 NIC

Emory University Vaccine Center Public Health Preparedness HIB Survey: 9/09-10/09	Survey of program managers to investigate the management of vaccine shortages and relationship with health agency preparedness staff	Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirty-eight percent of respondents indicated that their jurisdiction did not have enough vaccine during the 2008 Hib shortage to fulfill the 3-dose revised recommendations issued by CDC. To monitor providers adherence to revised recommendations, many tools were utilized: 50% of grantees used their immunization information system (IIS), 26% used phone calls or emails, 29% relied on anecdotal reports, 12% had no way of tracking provider adherence, and 38% used other capabilities. • Results presented at the 2009 AIM/CDC Program Managers Meeting and three posters were presented at 2010 NIC. • AIM and Emory are drafting a manuscript and an issue brief.
University of South Florida-Moffitt Cancer Center HP- HINTS Hearing Physician's Views: HPV Immunization National Trends Follow-up Survey: 9/10	Program manager survey to investigate factors for physicians recommending HPV vaccination	Policy questions recommended but opinion questions were not recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to present results to membership
NACCHO /CDC Hep B Vaccination Initiative Survey: 5/09-6/09	Survey of program managers and venues to investigate the 2007 CDC's Hepatitis B vaccination initiative	Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results presented to membership during a combined NACCHO/AIM webinar and archived presentation is available on the AIM members only website.

Survey/Interview Requests

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Krog and Partners/ Confidential drug manufacture: 9/10	Interview of program managers to understand the image and perception of leading vaccine manufacturers from the perspective of the key stakeholders in the public sector	No Position	
Altarum BMI and IIS Interviews: 5/10	Interview of program managers to gain insight into the technical capacity of the state's IIS to track BMI of children as well as to understand what initiatives are underway, planned, or have been considered previously in the state related to registry-based BMI surveillance	Suggested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to present results to membership
Spectrum Communications/ GSK Interviews: 5/10	Interview of program managers to understand their knowledge, beliefs, and attitudes in relation to the funding, purchase, management, and distribution of vaccines at the state level.	Not Recommended	
American Social Health Association State STD Prevention Funding: 4/10	Survey of program managers to investigate state contributions for STD prevention	Suggested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to present results to membership

***AIM Recommendation*:**

- **Recommended-** AIM strongly encourages members to participate in the survey/interview because AIM will have direct benefit.
- **Suggested-** AIM suggests members participate in the survey/interview because we have evaluated the survey/interview questions and find it beneficial and in line with AIM's mission and goals. However, AIM does not necessarily directly benefit from the project.
- **Not recommended-** AIM evaluated the project and we find it is being conducted by a group whose mission and goals are not in line with AIM's, or we find that it is not beneficial to AIM membership.
- **No position** - AIM does not have sufficient information to evaluate the project and members should use individual discretion to participate.