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Dear Immunization Provider,

In 2004, the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) published *Adults Only Vaccination: A Step-by-Step Guide*. At that time, 5,500 hard copy versions of the guide were distributed and its life was greatly extended by making it available online. Over the years, more than 72,000 copies of the entire guide have been downloaded from the IAC website at [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org). Also notable are the *more than one-half million* downloads of individual chapters, almost two-thirds of which were the ones related to vaccine administration and storage/handling.

Clearly, this guide has met a great need. But just as clearly, many items in the original guide are currently out of date. IAC is proud to offer this 2017 edition of the original book, now titled *Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide* (“the Guide”).

We believe this updated version of the *Guide* will be even more helpful than the original for vaccinators working in the rapidly evolving world of adult immunization. To accommodate the changes that have occurred since 2004, the 2017 *Guide* places greater emphasis on helping locate pertinent and up-to-date resources on the Internet. Each chapter is filled with web addresses of helpful tools and references. Readers can access the most recent information, both now and for years to come, by going online to the listed URLs.

Many staff members from IAC, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Vaccine Program Office were involved in bringing this guide to you. Laurel H. Wood, MPA, IAC’s coordinator for public health, however, provided the critical leadership that steered this project from beginning to end. William L. Atkinson, MD, MPH, IAC’s associate director for immunization education, contributed his renowned expertise by authoring several of the book’s key chapters and reviewing the entire guide. L.J. Tan, MS, PhD, IAC’s chief strategy officer, contributed his extensive knowledge of vaccine financing and reimbursement to bring clarity to those complex topics in chapter 7.

And now, it is in your hands. You are in a unique position to increase adult immunization rates, especially by being equipped with the up-to-date, practical guidance offered in these pages. We hope the *Guide* will help bring it all together for you – step by step.

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