

Implementing Standing Orders To Increase Vaccination Rates

Standing orders authorize nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare personnel (where allowed by state law) to assess a patient's immunization status and administer vaccinations according to a protocol approved by an institution, physician, or other authorized provider.

Having standing orders in place can help streamline your practice workflow by eliminating the need to obtain a physician order before examining and vaccinating patients. Standing orders carried out by nurses or other qualified healthcare professionals help reduce missed opportunities for vaccination, which improves the quality of care for patients.

The [Community Preventive Services Task Force](#), a nonfederal panel of public health and prevention experts, public health organizations, federal agencies, and medical associations, recommends standing orders for vaccines based on the strong evidence of their effectiveness in increasing vaccination rates for children and adults.

For more information on standing orders, ready-to-use protocols, and other related resources:



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