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- This program can be easily replicated.
- Immunization program staff time is minimal and should not significantly take away from other duties.
- Identification and buy-in from collaborating entities is crucial but should not prove to be an obstacle.
- Obstacles to overcome could include inadequate third party reimbursement for vaccines and the administration fees. It is possible to resolve these obstacles through collaboration with the state insurance department.



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Adult Immunization Collaborative Program


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- In an effort to increase adult immunization rates the Division of Immunizations identified two partners, Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) and the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP), with which to collaborate on a plan to meet the immunization needs of adults.
- From this collaboration, an adult immunization referral program was created.



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- Increases adult immunization rates
- Maintains the integrity of the "medical home" concept
- Encourages new collaboration and strengthens local relationships.
- Utilizes and maintains skills for alternative vaccinators
- Eliminates storage and handling errors
- Increases registry enrollment and use
- Reduces out of pocket expense through insurance reimbursement



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- PPA identifies and creates a list from their membership of all pharmacists in Pennsylvania licensed to immunize.
- PAFP distributes this list to its members advising them that pharmacists are available to immunize their patients with ACIP-recommended vaccines.
- Physicians send adult patients to the pharmacy with a prescription to be vaccinated.




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Patient-Age Limitations



Age	Vaccines
≥18	All ACIP-recommended vaccines
≥9	Flu only



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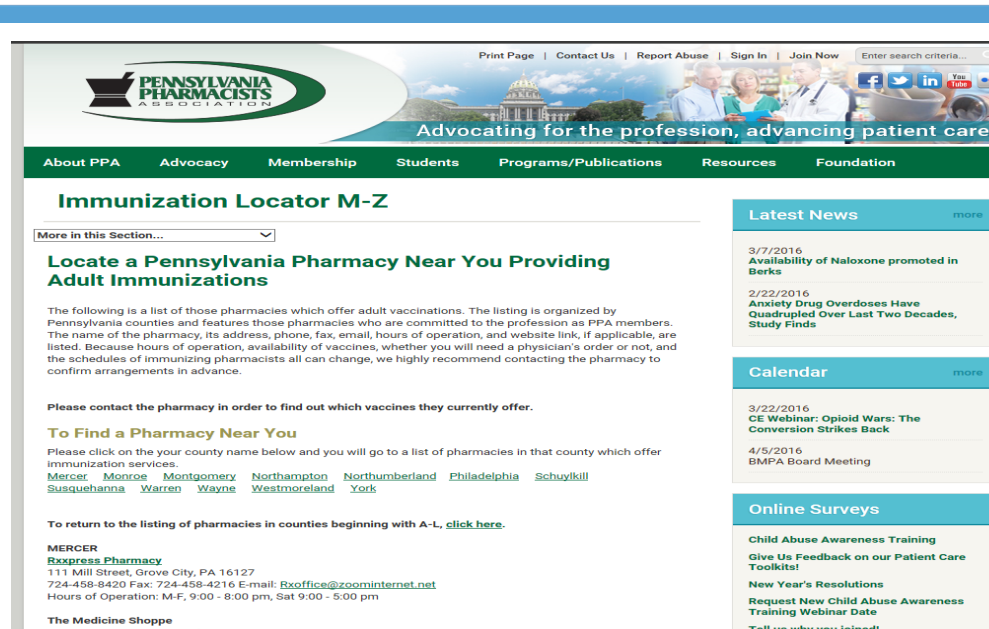
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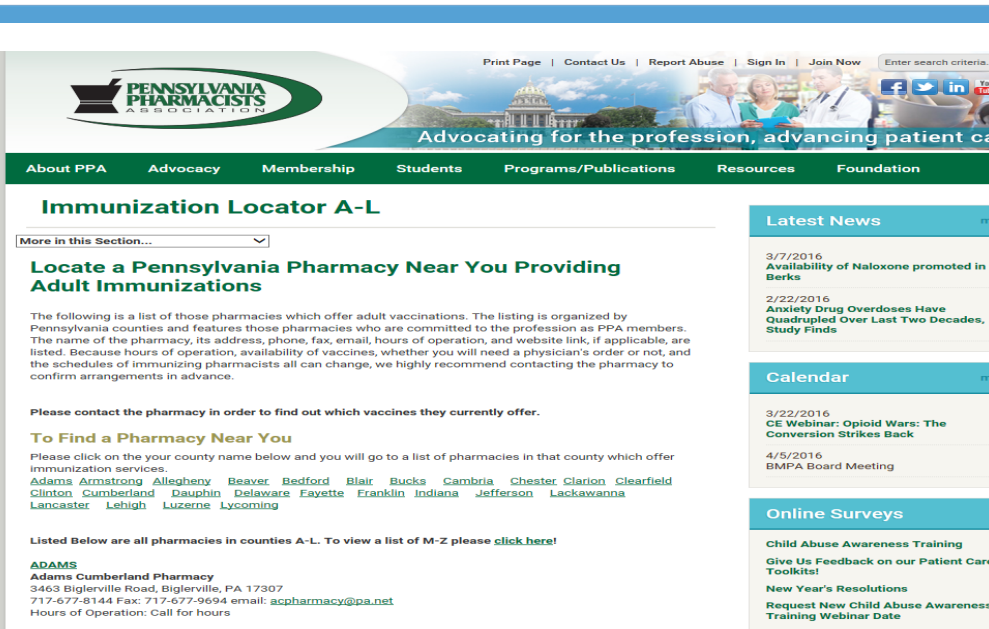
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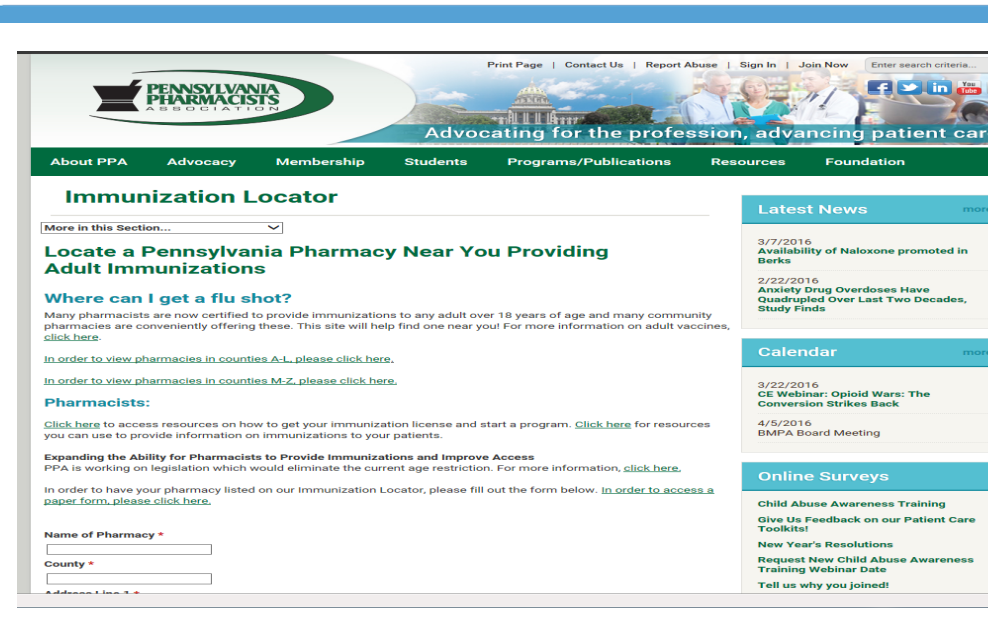
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- As of March 2016, Pennsylvania has 9,527 pharmacists that hold an active authorization to administer injectables. [Please note: This figure changes on a daily basis as new authorizations are granted and the status changes for existing authorizations (e.g., pharmacist is placed on inactive status, pharmacist's license is suspended, pharmacist moves out of the state and individuals pass away).]
- There are 1,611 pharmacy clinics enrolled in the Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS). Of those, 873 are actively reporting and 738 are in the onboarding/testing phase.



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