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Georgia Chapter

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Dear Healthcare Leader,

Participate in the Chapter Immunization Quality Improvement (QI) project and learn how to:

- Effectively implement the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule to provide the best care for every child every time.
- Improve office workflows.
- Use GRITS registry to effectively manage and increase your immunization rates.
- Reduce missed opportunities.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is pleased to announce the launch of an adolescent immunizations learning collaborative convened through the National AAP Chapter Quality Network (CQN).

In collaboration with 4 AAP chapter teams (Georgia, Oklahoma, Maryland, Missouri/Kansas), the CQN Improving Immunization Rates for Adolescents Phase 2 (IIRA2) project will employ quality improvement (QI) techniques and clinical education/training to increase adolescent immunizations in pediatric clinical practices using the Model for Improvement.

The primary goal will be to increase immunization rates as recommended by the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule for adolescents between 16 and 18 years of age.

About the Project: Practices will have the opportunity to participate in a learning collaborative based on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Breakthrough Series Collaborative Model, which includes four practice learning sessions (2 in-person*, 2 webinars), and seven practice webinars in collaboration with other practices in their region. Project participants will have access to subject matter experts, curriculum, and QI coaching. Practice teams will implement process changes into their practices by conducting small tests of change and collecting practice-level data (Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles). Practice participation will begin in June 2021 and continue through June 2022.

Eligible participants will receive Maintenance of Certification Part 2 and Part 4, and Performance Improvement Continuing Medical Education (PI CME). This project is funded through GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

SAVE THE DATES: (All Practice Webinars are the 3rd Thursday of each month from 12:30-1:30PM ET)

- **June 30, 2021** – Practice Onboarding Webinar
- **August 19, 2021** – Practice Webinar #1
- **September 16, 2021** –Practice Webinar #2
- **October 16, 2021** – Learning Session I (LS1) *In person, All day
- **November 18, 2021** – Practice Webinar #3
- **December 13, 2021** – Learning Session II (LS2) Webinar (12:00-1:30PM ET)
- **January 20, 2022** – Practice Webinar #4
- **February 17, 2022** – Practice Webinar #5
- **March 2022** (Date TBD) – Learning Session III (LS3) *In person, All day
- **April 21, 2022** – Practice Webinar #6
- **May 19, 2022** – Practice Webinar #7
- **June 15, 2022** – Learning Session IV (LS4) Celebration Webinar (12:00-1:30PM ET)

Please note, the project design is subject to change in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, associated safety recommendations, and ACIP recommendations. The CQN leadership team will monitor the evolving safety guidelines and transition in-person events to a virtual format, as necessary.

General Requirements for Participating Practices

1. Establishment of a core quality improvement (QI) team with at least three members*, including:
   a. 1) a physician leader, 2) a nurse or medical assistant, and 3) a practice manager or administrator
   b. One member committing to be the day-to-day team contact.

   Note, additional practice participants are encouraged to enroll.

2. Acknowledgement of participation requirements and incentives by all participants through an enrollment survey. All clinical and non-clinical practice staff (even if they are not active participants) should be aware of and support the project.

3. Completion of the work outlined in the Practice Onboarding Packet.

4. Attendance and participation by the core QI team members in each of the four learning sessions to receive MOC2, MOC4 and PI CME credit. **Specifically, the physician leader must attend all learning sessions.**

5. Attendance and participation by core QI team members at practice webinars (7 webinars) to review data and share best practices.

6. Attendance and participation of the core QI team in monthly practice team meetings (once a month at a minimum) to plan and revise tests of change. All actively participating providers must participate in conducting tests of change.

7. Collection and submission of practice-level data to the Quality Improvement Data Aggregator (QIDA) data collection tool monthly (for 10 months) by all participating practices. Use of QIDA will require acceptance of a disclosure statement.

8. Completion of practice-level surveys by all participating practices to provide feedback, assess progress, and identify barriers.

9. Sharing and reviewing of practice-level data (by the core QI team) with all practice-level project participants. Sharing of practice-level data across the CQN collaborative. Identifiable practice data cannot be shared outside of the collaborative without permission from the Principal Investigator (PI).

The chapter physician leader will attest that participating physicians have met meaningful participation requirements for ABP MOC Part 2 and Part 4 credit.

Please contact **Shanrita McClain, Co-Project Manager** at smcclain@gaaap.org or **Noreen Dahill, Co-Project Manager** at ndahill@gaaap.org you have additional questions. Practice recruitment will end **June 1, 2021.**

Sincerely,

Georgia Chapter AAP,
Immunization QI Team