

# Update from the Maternal Immunization Working Group



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NVAC

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# NVAC CHARGE FOR THE MIWG

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**The Assistant Secretary for Health charges the NVAC to:**

Part 1:

- Review the current state of maternal immunization and existing best practices
- Identify programmatic barriers to the implementation of current recommendations related to maternal immunization and make recommendations to overcome these barriers

Part 2:

- Identify barriers to and opportunities for developing vaccines for pregnant women and make recommendations to overcome these barriers *(will be addressed separately in future discussions)*

# MEMBERSHIP

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# RECOMMENDATIONS FALL WITHIN 5 FOCUS AREAS

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1 Enhance communication addressing the safety and effectiveness of all currently recommended immunizations during pregnancy as well as future vaccines.

2 Support comprehensive efforts to maximize obstetric provider recommendation and administration of all recommended maternal immunizations recommended for this population.

3 Focus efforts to improve financing for immunization services during pregnancy and postpartum.

4 Support efforts to increase use of EHRs by maternal care providers to strengthen Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and vaccine surveillance systems for pregnant women.

5 Recognize and address current vaccine liability law barriers to optimize investigations and uptake of recommended and future vaccines during pregnancy.

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# UPDATES SINCE JUNE NVAC MEETING

- Working Group received input from NVAC members on recommendations
- Chairs have informally engaged additional stakeholder input through presentation of MIWG efforts at professional meetings
  - Presentation at ASTHO/ACOG stakeholders meeting on 1 August
  - Presentation at Infectious Disease Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (IDSOG) Annual Meeting on 10 August
- Working Group is putting together a draft outline of the MIWG report and will begin drafting the report in the next few months



# NEXT STEPS

- Complete the draft report and draft recommendations
- Present draft report and draft recommendations to NVAC at the  
• Feb 2014 meeting
- Public Comment through the Federal Register process
- Begin Phase 2 of the charge (Winter/Spring 2014)

