

Strategies to Achieve the Healthy People 2020 Annual Influenza Vaccine Coverage Goal for Health-Care Personnel

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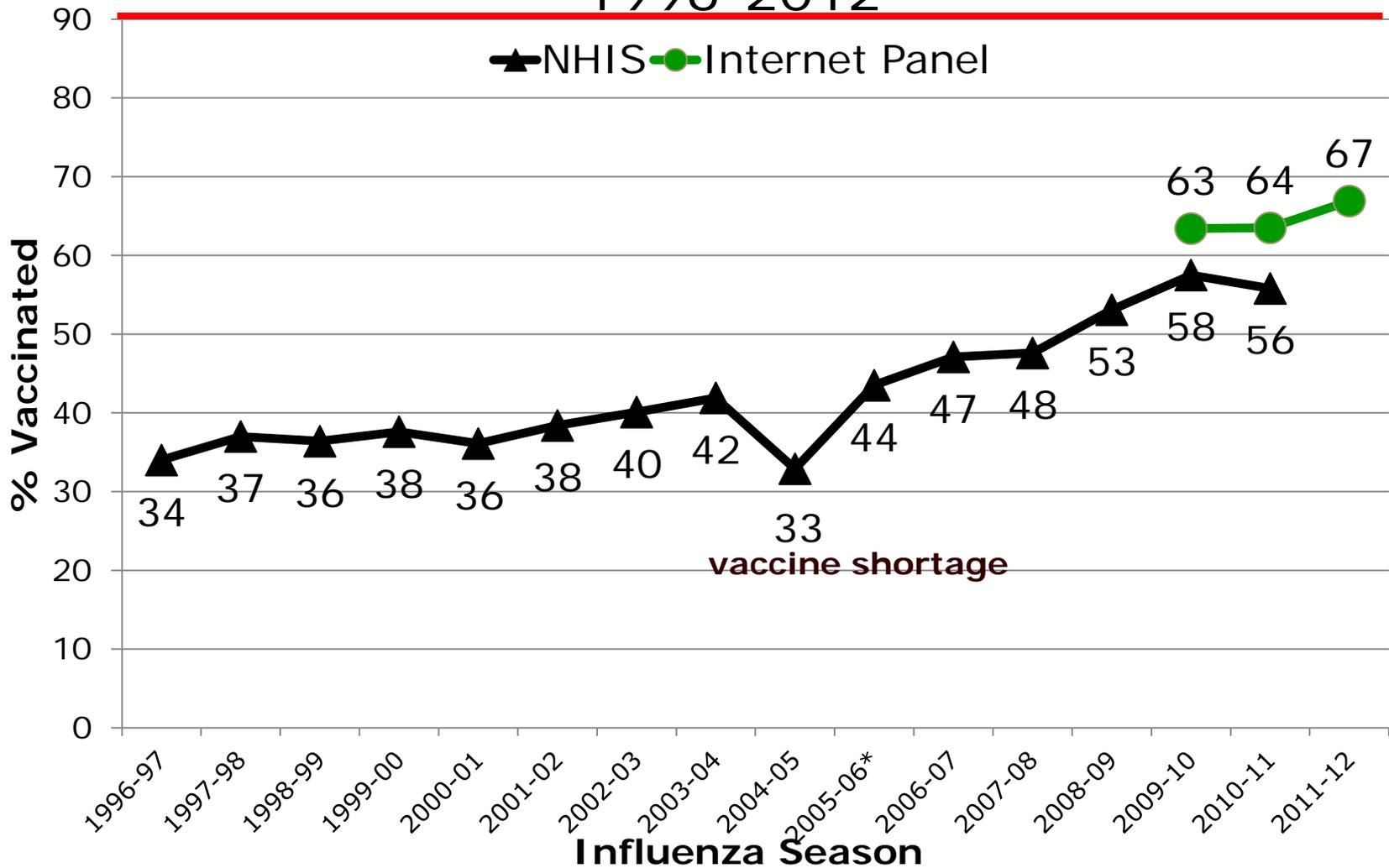
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Vaccination Coverage in HCP 1996-2012



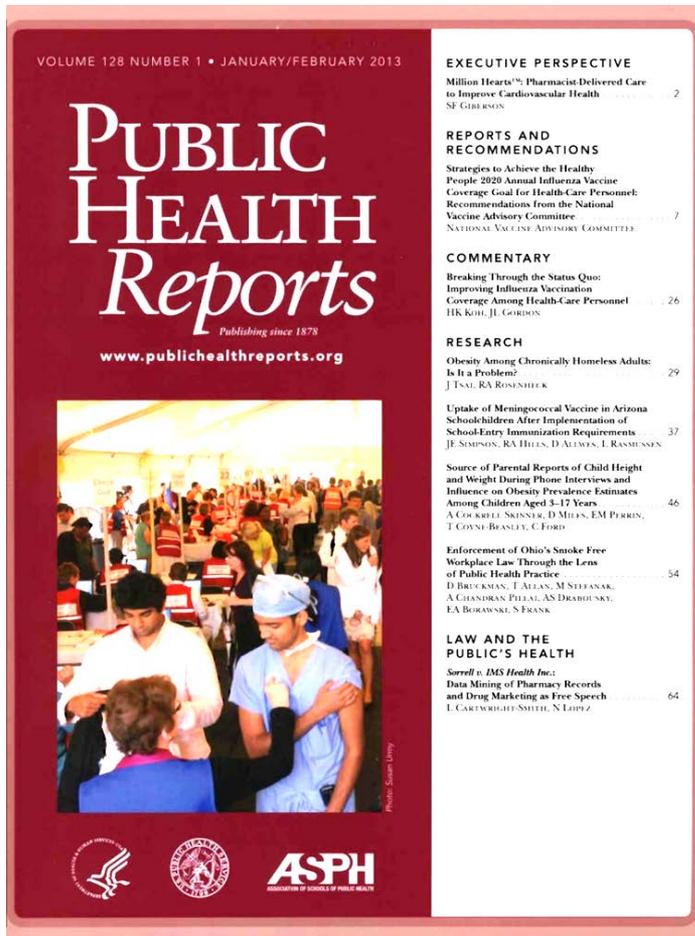
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- *National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)* - Lu et al. CDC unpublished and http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/professionals/nhis89_08fluvaxtrendtab.pdf;

Background

September 2010	Charge to NVAC
November 2010	Formation of the Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Subgroup
September 2011	Presentation of DRAFT recommendations
December 2011	DRAFT report listed in the Federal Register for solicitation of public comments
January 2012	Webinar to provide an overview of DRAFT report and recommendations to further solicit public comments through the Federal Register
February 2012	Presentation of recommendations and report to NVAC for consideration
February 8, 2012	NVAC approval and adoption of WG report and recommendations
December 2012	Publication of NVAC recommendations in <i>Public Health Reports</i> http://www.publichealthreports.org/issueopen.cfm?articleID=2925
February 2013	Update on HHS Activities



Summary of NVAC Recommendations



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HHS Activities:

- HHS Healthcare Associated Action Plan- Chapter 7 Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel, HP2020 90%, interim 2015 goal of 75%
- HHS Provider Education WG
- Letter from HHS Secretary and Director of OPM encouraging influenza vaccination of all federal employees and contractors
- Letter from ASH and Director of NCIRD encouraging Occupational Health and Safety Directors to educate federal workforce about influenza and other important adult immunizations

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HHS Activities:

- HHS Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Stakeholder Meeting
- ASH letter to LTCF Medical Directors encouraging them to support influenza vaccination of HCP and the HP2020 goals
- HHS currently developing a toolkit tailored to address challenges and barriers to implementing influenza vaccination programs in LTCF
- Commentary by ASH in *Public Health Reports* underscoring the importance of HCP vaccination in all healthcare settings

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HHS Activities:

- NQF Measure/ CMS rule for measuring and reporting HCP in acute care settings
- CMS final rules to include ambulatory care settings and LTCF in 2013-2014 season
- HHS Quality Measures working group

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HHS Activities:

- GWU analysis of state laws regarding healthcare personnel vaccination
<http://sphhs.gwu.edu/departments/healthpolicy/influenza/MODEL%20LAW%20REPORT.pdf>
- On-going analysis of ethical considerations for mandatory vaccine policies (Summer 2013)

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HHS Activities:

- FDA approval of 10 new influenza vaccines
 - Quadrivalent
 - Cell-based and other new recombinant technologies
- Ongoing research and development of influenza vaccines and influenza vaccine technology supported by NIH, ASPR, and FDA

NVAC Session:
Measurement of Healthcare Personnel
Influenza Vaccination Rates

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