

**While flu vaccine is not a [VFA vaccine](#), flu vaccination visits present an opportunity to ensure patients are up-to-date with other vaccines.**

## Implement protocols

to ensure patients visiting the clinic are routinely assessed for needed vaccines. For example, meet with staff, providers, and management to determine how to integrate vaccine assessment into flu clinic flow.

- Routinize daily **chart scrubs/huddles** to flag charts of patients with needed vaccines.
- Consider including a [vaccination assessment form](#) and [flyer](#) at check-in.
- Ensure your **EHR system** incorporates immunization prompts/health maintenance forms/clinical decision guidelines that reflect the current adult IZ schedule.

## Implement a reminder/recall system

for patients who may need certain vaccines in addition to flu. For example, run a report of all uninsured patients 19-64 years of age with chronic conditions such as diabetes or asthma who may need pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. Pair a reminder for pneumococcal vaccine with annual flu vaccination messaging:

“Flu season is here! Make an appointment today to receive **flu** and **pneumococcal** vaccines.

- **Flu vaccine** offers the best protection against flu, an illness that can be more severe in adults with chronic conditions.
- **Pneumococcal vaccine** helps protect against pneumonia, a serious lung infection that can be life-threatening.”

Make a strong recommendation for flu and other needed vaccines.

Disseminate CDC's materials to staff and providers.

- [“How to Make a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation”](#) factsheets
- [Adult Vaccine](#) Recommendation page to staff and providers.

Review additional CDC Resources

- [Adults with Chronic Conditions Vaccination](#) page
- [Flu Vaccine Recommendation](#) factsheets