

AGENDA

7:00-8:00 am | Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:15 am | Welcome

8:15-9:15 am | Keynote: On a Path to Reclaiming Indigenous Health
Melissa Buffalo, American Indian Cancer Foundation

Melissa Buffalo will discuss how trust impacts preventative care and share different methods of building trusting relationships with patients by meeting them where they are. She will emphasize the importance of engaging with and giving back to communities and how understanding a community's needs leads to better patient care.

9:15-10:00 am | SDDOH Epidemiology Update
Sara Bowman, SD Department of Health

Sara Bowman, an epidemiologist with the South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH), will provide an update on current vaccination rates, vaccine-preventable diseases in the state, national vaccination trends, and the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. She will also discuss SDDOH's immunization priorities and provide guidance on how vaccine providers can help.

10:00-10:30 am Break

10:30-11:15 am | Building Vaccine Confidence in the Community
Katy Gore, Association of Immunization Managers

In this presentation, Katy Gore will cover vaccine hesitancy and its different types. Additionally, she will explain how to identify vaccine champions in your community and leverage them to boost vaccine confidence.

11:15-12:30 pm | Partnering to Overcome Vaccine Access Barriers

Moderator: Sandra Melstad, SLM Consulting

Panelists: Carol Chalcraft, SD Department of Health Immunization Program; Sara Hicks, Lewis Drug; Darcie Lee, Horizon Health Care; June Copperstad, Lutheran Social Services

This session will discuss strategies to improve health care access, including the federally qualified health center (FQHC) model, sliding fee scales, the patient centered medical home (PCMH) concept, social determinants of health, and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Panelists will also explore the role of pharmacies in expanding vaccine accessibility and organizing pop-up clinics, as well as the role of the community health worker (CHW) program in addressing patients' basic needs and establishing a foundation for preventative care. This discussion aims to identify how these approaches can be leveraged to improve health care delivery and ensure equitable access to health care services.

12:30-1:30 pm | Lunch

1:30 -2:15 pm | Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Re-Emerging Diseases and the Global Threat

Ibrahim Ahmed, University of South Dakota – Sanford School of Medicine

Dr. Ahmed will discuss recent disease outbreaks globally and in the US, including the increased risk of disease contraction due to international travel. Dr. Ahmed will review the efficacy and value of the recommended vaccines and what hinders vaccine rates, including vaccine hesitancy and perceived lack of value. Attendees will also learn evidence-based strategies to overcome barriers to immunization.

Strengthen your Community with Vax Champions

Victoria Standley and Stacy Nelson, Sanford Health

This presentation will summarize Sanford Health's immunization program journey and describe Sanford Health's "Vax Champ" program. The speakers will review the benefits and barriers of the "Vax Champ" program and identify the value of having a vaccine champion within respective health care settings.

How Do We Know Vaccines Are Safe? Vaccine Safety Surveillance Systems in the US.
Kylie Hall, ND State University Center for Immunization Research and Education

This presentation will provide an overview of the vaccine safety surveillance systems used in the United States and examples of how the systems work together to identify and assess potential safety signals. The presenter will also discuss the strengths and limitations of each system. Finally, the speaker will provide historical examples of how the systems have identified vaccine safety concerns. Attendees will leave the presentation feeling more confident in the safety of vaccines used in the United States and more equipped to answer questions about vaccine safety.

2:15 – 3:00 | Concurrent Breakout Sessions

SD Immunization Information System

Brett Oakland, SD Department of Health, STC Health

Brett Oakland and a representative from STC Health will describe the functionality and value of the immunization registry. They will discuss how to utilize the SD Immunization Information System (IIS) to evaluate patient immunization data, records, and vaccine status. Attendees will learn how and why to utilize the registry for patient reminder recall.

Shielding Against Respiratory Diseases with Vaccines

Thabuna Sivaprakasam, University of South Dakota – Sanford School of Medicine

This presentation will discuss current disease prevalence and immunization rates for respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, RSV, pneumonia, and influenza in South Dakota. Dr. Sivaprakasam will provide insight into what to expect during the upcoming respiratory illness season, focusing on the increased risk for complications for those with chronic conditions and older adults. In addition, he will discuss strategies for preparing for the administration of the new RSV vaccine.

Refugee Health Services and Immunizations

Tim Jurgens, Lutheran Social Services Center for New Americans

In this session, Tim Jurgens will explain immunization processes and required vaccines for immigrants and refugees entering the US. He will also describe services provided before, during, and after resettlement and compare immunization programs and vaccines available in other countries to those in the US. Additionally, he will discuss the ethnicities and timing of resettlement in South Dakota.

3:00 - 3:15 pm | Break

3:15-4:00 pm | Concurrent Breakout Sessions

The Latest on Vaccines for Adults and Boosting Immunization Rates

Jennifer Tinguely, Falls Community Health

Dr. Tinguely will review diseases that threaten adult health, discuss available vaccines, and provide practical, evidence-based strategies to improve immunization rates in South Dakota. She will also address common vaccine myths and misconceptions.

Vaccine Storage and Handling

Tim Heath, SD Department of Health

This presentation will cover the significance of maintaining the vaccine cold chain. The speaker will discuss the best practice recommendations for vaccine storage by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and review the process of managing a temperature excursion.

Polio - What Health Care Providers Need to Know

Ashlesha Kaushik, UnityPoint Clinic Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Dr. Kaushik will discuss polio, including vaccine types and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Management considerations and post-polio syndrome will also be covered.

4:10 – 5:00 pm | Keynote: Fostering Impactful Connections with the Community
Michelle Erpenbach, Sioux Falls Thrive

Michelle will provide practical ways to enrich your community through collaboration and community leadership. Attendees will learn about the collective-impact model and how to partner with local organizations to bring vaccinations to trusted sites while addressing social needs (i.e., a diaper drive, a food pantry, etc).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Nursing: This nursing continuing professional development activity was approved by Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver with distinction by the American Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Provider: The AAFP has reviewed Immunize SD: Building Connection Through Community and deemed it acceptable for up to 7.00 Live AAFP Prescribed credits. Term of Approval is from 09/26/2023 to 09/26/2023. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Pharmacy: The South Dakota Board of Pharmacy has approved this program for 6 hours of pharmacist continuing education (CE) credits. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, please check with your certification board to ensure that these credits will be accepted for certification.

