

March 2009

Reminders

Keep Vaccinating Through Spring 2009

The warmer weather may lead you to believe otherwise, but we're still in the midst of flu season, and influenza activity is increasing—so it's important to continue vaccinating into the spring months. Yearly vaccination is the first and most important step in protecting against influenza, especially for those in high-risk groups, such as the elderly. This year's supply of influenza vaccine is robust, so be sure to place another order if your supply is running low.

More information on influenza vaccination, with updates on the latest resources, is available online from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [National Influenza Vaccine Summit](#).

Educational Opportunities

CME Offerings – Online

[How to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in Practice](#)

- Office policies and tools and taking a systematic approach
- Implementing patient and physician reminder systems
- Theory-based communication strategies

[Introduction to Patient Safety Tools for Physician Practices](#)

- Physician Practice Patient Safety Assessment
- Pathways for Patient Safety

Resources

The Guide to Clinical Preventive Services 2008

Click [here](#) or visit the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) [Web site](#) to download *The Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, 2008*. Updated annually, this pocket guide includes recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) on 65 clinical preventive services. The 2008 edition includes recommendations released by USPSTF from 2001 to March 2008.

Medicare Payment Rate Updates

The American Medical Association has developed a convenient reference guide outlining changes in Medicare physician payment rates for 2009, including information on the average 1.1 percent payment rate increase, the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI), the Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program, and other Medicare changes. Click [here](#) to download *2009 Medicare Physician Payment Rates: What to Expect in Your Practice*.

[Strategies for Increasing Adult Influenza Vaccination Rates](#)

- Test Your Vaccination Knowledge
- EPI Facts
- Strategies

[American Academy of Family Physicians – Various Offerings](#)

Topics include those related to Board review, journals, monographs/Bulletins, and multimedia/Webcasts

[Ohio Osteopathic Association – Various Offerings](#)

(Select “CME Offerings” for upcoming events)



CME Offerings – Live Events

[American Academy of Family Physicians – Various Offerings \(Ohio\)](#)

Rock Run Center, Suite 100 • 5700 Lombardo Center Drive • Seven Hills, OH 44131

Phone: 216.447.9604 • Fax: 216.447.7925

Ohio KePRO Provider QIC Line: 1.800.385.5080 • [www.ohiokepro.com](#)

All material presented or referenced herein is intended for general informational purposes and is not intended to provide or replace the independent judgment of a qualified healthcare provider treating a particular patient. Ohio KePRO disclaims any representation or warranty with respect to any treatments or course of treatment based upon information provided. Publication No. 9313000-OH-133-03/2009. This material was prepared by Ohio KePRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Ohio, under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The contents presented do not necessarily reflect CMS policy.