



Reducing Structural Barriers

Workflow Modifications for Increasing HPV Vaccination Rates

The Community Preventive Services Task Force states that **structural barriers** are non-economic burdens or obstacles that make it difficult for people to access care.

Tips for Reducing Structural Barriers in Your Practice

Expand Access to Your Practice

Expanding office hours to non-traditional times opens access for a broader population. Consider your practice's specific patient population when creating alternate hours.

- Consider vaccination-only appointments during the following time frames:
 - Lunch
 - Evening
 - Weekends
- Host vaccine clinics on the weekends.
- Vaccinate at all visit types, including routine and sick visits.

Nurse-Only Visits

Nurse-only vaccination appointments create an “express lane” experience to reduce wait times for vaccines.

- Offer nurse-only visits when children and adolescents are due for vaccines but not requiring a preventive visit.
- Nurse-only appointments are a great way to catch up on missed vaccines.
- Designate a specific area for these visits to ensure availability and to expedite appointments.
- Remember to send appointment reminders for nurse-only visits.

Resources

- See [Suggestions to Improve Vaccination Services](#) and [Interventions to Increase Vaccination Rates](#) for additional steps to increase vaccine accessibility.
- See [CDC Planning Activities](#) for tips on hosting vaccine clinics.
- See [CDC website](#) for the most current VISs.

Need More Information?

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