

Workgroup summary on expansion

- Continues to be strong support for our overall goal of universal influenza vaccination
- There is not yet workgroup consensus on specific recommendations, i.e. best strategy to reach our goal
- Workgroup discussion centered on timing of recommendations -- will the recommendation drive the implementation, or could it ultimately be damaging to make a recommendation that is logistically not feasible

Workgroup summary on timing of recommendation

- If we wait to make a recommendation, what are we waiting for?
 - No critical data gaps
 - No clear indication that more data will be available in the near-term on feasibility or indirect protection
 - No clear indication that clear steps will be taken to prepare in the absence of a recommendation
- Waiting to expand recommendations may be helpful:
 - practitioners dealing with unprecedented number of new vaccine recommendations in last 2-3 years.
 - Education will be important – providers and parents.
 - Allow time to harmonize with other organizations (AAP, AAFP)

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- Much discussion surrounding logistics
- Vaccine supply seems to be less of an immediate issue
- Discussion regarding practical implications of timing of vote on expansion:
 - Providers/clinics order vaccine before February, so vote in February 2008 for expansion in 2008-09 season is from implementation viewpoint unlikely to have much impact until 2009-10 season.
 - If expansion for 2008-09 season is desired, vote should optimally be in October 2007.
 - Why does ordering have to take place in January/February?
 - Does consistency and increase in supply allow for later ordering?

Recommendation Options

- Recommend expanding recommendations incrementally to age limited group (e.g., 5-11 year olds)
 - Varying workgroup opinions on acceptability of this approach, no workgroup consensus
- Recommend expanding recommendations incrementally starting with “consider” vaccination
 - No one in workgroup appears to like this option

Recommendation Options

- Encourage discussion at October 2007 ACIP meeting in context of September 10-11, 2007 consultation summary
 - Indicate that recommendation to vote on expansion might occur in February 2008 but no commitment to timeline
 - Leaves open option to recommend to vote to expand at February 2008 ACIP meeting, but to take effect for 2009-10 season
 - Pro: Allows lots of lead time to prepare, including evaluation plans
 - Con: Maybe no one will prepare – infrastructure might not start assembling until actually needed