Welcome
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Program Objectives

• Engage stakeholders to share strategies that improve adult immunization rates.
• Highlight programs that found solutions and demonstrated measurable improvement, for both health systems and policymakers.
• Share successes and challenges that persist with increasing to adult vaccination rates.
• Encourage health systems and policymakers to appreciate the value of investing in local and population-based solutions.
Program Overview

- Introduction
- Background
- Panel presentations with Q&A
- Discussion
- Next steps
- Adjourn
When You Leave

• We want you to have concrete ideas of ways that you can improve adult immunization rates among your constituencies.
The Gerontological Society of America

• Professional membership organization focused on the aging process across the lifespan
• Mission
  – Promote multi- and interdisciplinary research in aging
  – Translate and disseminate research findings
  – Foster application of research into policy development
  – Promote/advocate for education/awareness on aging across disciplines
• Multidisciplinary members
Why GSA Works on Immunizations

• Our members are experts in the aging body and mind, parts of systems of care but not always the immunization neighborhood

• Certain diseases disproportionately impact older adults
  – 3/4 of deaths and 2/3 of hospitalizations for influenza are in those ≥65
  – Pneumonia is a leading cause of death in older adults in the US
  – Risk of acquiring shingles in an individual’s lifetime goes from 1 in 3 to 1 in 2 for those ≥85
GSA’s Approach to Improving Rates

- Capitalize on expertise of its multidisciplinary membership
- Learn from and collaborate with partners
- Direct the National Adult Vaccination Program (NAVP), a multifaceted initiative guided by a workgroup of renowned leaders in adult immunization
NAVP Workgroup

- R. Gordon Douglas Jr., MD, NAVP Workgroup Chairperson
  - Weill Cornell Medical College
- Michelle Cantu, MPH
  - National Association of County and City Health Officials
- Rebecca Gehring, MPH
  - New Mexico Immunization Branch, Department of Health
- Stefan Gravenstein, MD, MPH
  - Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP
  - University of Maryland
- Jerry Penso, MBA
  - American Medical Group Association
- William Schaffner, MD
  - Vanderbilt University School of Medicine