

**06. United States Healthcare Provider Preferences for Adult Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations**

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**Background.** Pneumococcal vaccine recommendations for US adults are complex, varying by age and underlying conditions, and include both 23-valent polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) and 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will vote on new recommendations in October after the 15- (PCV15) and 20-valent (PCV20) conjugate vaccines are approved. Stakeholder acceptability is part of ACIP's evidence to recommendation framework, but few data are available on health care providers' (HCPs) preferences for potential recommendations.

**Methods.** 752 HCPs (300 physicians, 150 nurse practitioners, 150 physician assistants, & 152 pharmacists) were surveyed. Object case best-worst scaling (BWS) was used to elicit preferences for hypothetical recommendations for 1) adults 19-64 years with chronic conditions and 2) immunocompetent adults ≥65 years. Presented recommendations included combinations of PCV15/PCV20 either as routine or after shared clinical decision making (SCDM), and PPSV23 as routine, SCDM, or no recommendation. Following BWS, HCPs were asked to assume ACIP was considering implementing both of their preferred recommendations for the age/risk groups. HCPs were then given the opportunity to change their selections and propose recommendations not included in the BWS exercise. Additional information was collected using conventional survey items.

**Results.** Routine use of higher-valent PCVs in sequence with PPSV23 was most often preferred for both adults 19-64 with chronic conditions (40%) and immunocompetent adults ≥65 (49%) when elicited separately for each age/risk group. Most respondents (63%) revised their recommendations after considering implementation, which resulted in most (59%) favoring recommendations harmonized across the age/risk groups, and 75% favoring routine use of PCV15 or PCV20 among immunocompetent adults ≥65. When asked directly, HCPs generally approved of the idea of simplifying adult pneumococcal vaccine recommendations, harmonizing the interval between vaccines, and lowering the cutoff for age-based recommendations below 65 years.

**Conclusion.** US HCPs generally prefer simplification of the adult pneumococcal recommendation, favoring broad routine use of both higher-valent PCVs and PPSV23.

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**07. Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) Second-Dose Completion in Adults Age 50-64 Years in the United States**

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**Background.** In 2018, CDC recommended a highly efficacious adjuvanted recombinant zoster vaccine (RZV, Shingrix) as a 2-dose series for prevention of herpes zoster (HZ) for immunocompetent persons age ≥50 years, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose recommended 2-6 months after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Among Medicare beneficiaries, 2-dose series completion 6 months and 12 months post initiation was 78% and 86%, respectively. Here we estimate the proportion of adults age 50-64 years who completed the 2-dose RZV series within 6 or 12 months after receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> dose, by using two administrative claims databases.

**Table 1. Demographics of Patients Vaccinated with 1 or 2 doses of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) among 50-64-year-olds in the United States, IQVIA<sup>a</sup> and IBM MarketScan<sup>b</sup> Databases, 2017-2020**

Variable	All RZV Vaccinees		IQVIA <sup>a</sup> 1 dose		2-doses		MarketScan <sup>b</sup> 1 dose		2-doses	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total #</b>	422,641		127,865		294,776		497,893		161,672	336,221
Median Age (y)	60		59		60		59		59	60
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	176,191	42%	55,983	44%	120,208	41%	216,076	43%	72,526	45%
Female	246,448	58%	71,881	56%	174,567	59%	281,817	57%	89,146	55%
Unknown	2	----	1	----	1	----	----	----	----	----
<b>Region</b>										
Northeast	69,469	16%	21,160	17%	48,309	16%	83,525	17%	25,668	16%
Midwest	129,176	31%	40,603	32%	88,573	30%	120,159	24%	39,257	24%
West	165,600	39%	50,077	39%	115,523	39%	212,362	43%	70,004	43%
South	58,380	14%	16,017	13%	42,363	14%	80,636	16%	26,260	16%
Unknown	16	----	8	----	8	----	1,211	----	483	----

<sup>a</sup>1<sup>st</sup> RZV dose received during October 2017 to September 2019, and 2<sup>nd</sup> RZV dose received within 6 months of the 1<sup>st</sup> dose, at any time through March 2020

<sup>b</sup>1<sup>st</sup> RZV dose received during October 2017 to April 2020, and 2<sup>nd</sup> RZV dose received within 6 months of the 1<sup>st</sup> dose, at any time through October 2020

**Methods.** We used medical and pharmaceutical claims data from October 2017-March 2020 IQVIA<sup>a</sup> PharMetrics Plus and October 2017-October 2020 IBM<sup>b</sup> MarketScan<sup>b</sup> databases. RZV vaccination was defined using Current Procedural Terminology and National Drug Codes. We allowed for sufficient follow-up time by examining 1<sup>st</sup> doses given at least 6 or 12 months prior to the end of the study period in both databases. Place of administration was available in IQVIA data.

**Results.** Among persons age 50-64 years, in IQVIA and MarketScan, 70% and 68% received their 2<sup>nd</sup> RZV dose within 6 months, respectively, and 79% and 81% received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose within 12 months, respectively. The median age of 1<sup>st</sup> dose of RZV vaccination was 60 years and ~60% were female [Table 1]. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose was administered within 12 months, the median interval between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses was 104 and 98 days in the IQVIA and MarketScan databases, respectively. Characteristics by age, sex, or region were similar in persons who received 1 RZV dose vs. 2 RZV doses [Table 1]. Among those who received only 1 RZV dose with at least 12 months of follow-up time, 55% of vaccinations occurred at ambulatory medical provider offices and 40% at pharmacies; among 2 doses recipients, 33% of vaccinations occurred at provider offices and 62% at pharmacies.

**Conclusion.** Among 50-64-year-olds, 2-dose RZV series completion was ~70% within 6 months and 80% within 12 months of initiation. The findings were similar across two administrative claims databases. Availability of RZV at pharmacies has potentially helped to increase RZV 2<sup>nd</sup> dose completion rates.

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**08. Concomitant Administration of the Adjuvanted Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) with 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) Is Safe and Does Not Interfere with Immunogenicity of Either Vaccine in Adults Aged ≥ 50 Years**

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**Background.** This study assessed non-inferiority of humoral immunogenicity, reactogenicity, and safety of RZV when the 1st dose was co-administered with PCV13 in adults ≥ 50 years of age (YOA) compared to sequential administration.

**Methods.** In this phase 3b, open-label, multi-center study (NCT03439657), adults were randomized 1:1 to receive either the 1st RZV dose co-administered with PCV13 at day (D)1 and the 2nd RZV dose at month (M)2 (Co-Ad group), or PCV13 at D1, the 1st RZV dose at M2 and the 2nd RZV dose at M4 (Control group). Co-primary confirmatory objectives were: (i) vaccine response rate (VRR) to RZV at 1 month post-dose 2 in Co-Ad group; (ii) non-inferiority of