

2010 National Influenza Vaccine Summit

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Scottsdale, Arizona
Executive Summary**

From 17-19 May 2010, the National Influenza Vaccine Summit convened in Scottsdale, AZ. Co-sponsored since 2000 by the American Medical Association and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Summit brings together over 400 stakeholders representing more than 100 public and private organizations, all unified by an interest in combating influenza. The summit agenda followed the same general plan as in previous years, with major topics grouped into four main sessions. While not exhaustive, this summary highlights the major themes of the meeting.

Session one reviewed data from the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, an unusual event that had just begun to unfold during the previous year's Summit. During a dinner program, and vaccine manufacturers then presented their plans for producing the 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine, which will include the 2009 H1N1 strain as well as two other viral strains that are now circulating.

The next morning in session two, a diverse panel of speakers discussed the perceptions of Federal, state, and local public health officials, as well as vaccinators and the public, during the 2009-2010 flu season. A special lunch program then highlighted the honorees of the 4th annual Summit Excellence Awards and Recognition Program. The awards recognize efforts that used creative and effective tactics to increase vaccination rates during the 2009-2010 influenza season, and the lunch presentations also called out other programs for honorable mention.

After the luncheon, session three highlighted progress in vaccine delivery technology, public health strategies, and public relations, and attendees discussed how to apply these lessons to the coming season. In the Summit's final session the next day, presenters discussed the Healthy People 2020 initiative, the new universal vaccination recommendation, and the problems of reaching particular groups of people such as healthy adults, children, and healthcare workers.

Question periods and open panel discussions in each session allowed attendees to provide extensive feedback, and a general discussion at the end of the meeting reviewed the Summit's main conclusions. Organizers also encouraged Summit members to submit their recommendations afterward on paper or electronically.