



21st Annual Allegheny County Immunization Coalition Conference

Vaccines in the Real World: Science, Decisions, and Delivery

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | Regional Learning Alliance, Cranberry Township, PA

7:30-8:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast & Exhibitor Visits
8:00-8:10 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:10-9:00 AM	The Work Behind the Shot: Access, Trust, and Public Health in Pennsylvania Debra Bogen, MD Secretary of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health Keynote - Remarks followed by Q&A
9:00-9:35 AM	Immunization in Allegheny County: Local Priorities, Pressures, and Public Health Response Iulia Vann, MD, MPH Director, Allegheny County Health Department
9:35-10:10 AM	When Prevention Fails: A Pathologist's View of Vaccine-Preventable Disease and Public Health Jennifer Hammers, DO Division Chief & Professor of Pathology, Duquesne University Nasuti College of Osteopathic Medicine; Founder, Jennifer Hammers Pathology LLC
10:10-10:35 AM	Morning Break & Exhibitor Visits
10:35-11:20 AM	Vaccine Decisions as Due Diligence: How Families Weigh Risk, Trust, and Information Charlotte Moser, MS Co-Director, Vaccine Education Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
11:20 AM-12:00 PM	Pharmacy Strategies for Vaccine Equity, Access, and Community Implementation Sophia Herbert, PharmD Assistant Professor, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy; Education Director, Pitt Vaccination & Health Connection Hub Joni Carroll, PharmD, TTS Assistant Professor, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch & Exhibitor Visits
1:00-1:40 PM	Controversies in Vaccination Among Older Adults: How Recommendations, Evidence, and Implementation Evolve David Nace, MD, MPH Chief Medical Officer, UPMC Senior Communities; Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
1:40-2:20 PM	Context Before Confrontation: Understanding the Information Patients Bring to Vaccine Encounters Beth Hoffman, PhD, MPH Assistant Professor, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health
2:20-2:45 PM	Afternoon Networking, Exhibitor Visits & Refreshment Break
2:45-3:35 PM	Trust at the Point of Care: Language, Access, and Real-World Vaccine Conversations Moderator: Kristal Ross, PharmD, CTTS Panelists: Amesh Adalja, MD, FACP, FACEP, FIDSA; Diego Chaves-Gnecco, MD, MPH, FAAP; Khlood Salman, DrPH, RN, FAAN
3:35-4:00 PM	Closing Remarks, CE Instructions & Acknowledgments