

POLICY EXPANSION

Although almost half of the participants were vaccine eligible, compliance rate was very low. One of the primary reasons identified was lack of free immunization at the Columbus Public Health since Asian adults were not considered at “high risk.” Advocacy lead to policy expansion at the Ohio Department of Health and since 2008 vaccine eligible Asian adults receive free vaccinations. Using the “training the trainers” model, community liaisons and workers were used to improve awareness. Collaboration by medical students and community organizations had lead to improved screening and immunization. A hepatitis free clinic for providing culturally and linguistically appropriate treatment has been established in July 2009 with volunteer Hepatologist and APMSA students from OSU for uninsured Hep B positive participants.

IMPROVED SCREENING & ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR UNINSURED ASIAN AMERICANS



Asian Free clinic: Hepatitis Free Clinic every 3rd Month

Improved Screening

1. Family members: Follow-up calls to positive Hepatitis B patients for status of vaccination of family members
2. Follow-up for vaccine eligible by community workers to enhance understanding

Access to Treatment for Uninsured Asian Americans

1. Follow-up of positives that are uninsured referred to the Hepatitis Free clinic with the Asian Free Clinic
2. Hepatitis clinic established (July, 2009) within the Asian Free Clinic
3. Referral for medication (July, 2009) to pharmaceutical free programs
4. Referral to OSU Cancer Center (James) when need
5. Referral to other funded programs



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Hepatitis B Screening at the Asian Festival Health and Wellness Pavilion