

SESSION: Herpes Zoster Vaccination and Vaccination Concerns Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date and Time:

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Presentation Details:

The learning objectives for this session include:

- Understand NACI recommendations regarding the prevention of HZ and how to apply these recommendations to your patients
- Communicate the benefits of vaccination and answer questions from patients, families and caregivers regarding the efficacy and safety of the HZ vaccine
- Understand interim guidance on continuity of immunization programs during the COVID
- Review implementation strategies for community-based immunization practices during COVID

Presented by:

Dr. Kathy Slayter

About the presenter:

Dr. Kathy Slayter is currently Assistant Professor with the Faculty of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and Faculty of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie University and Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Stewardship at the IWK Health Center. She was the first non-physician in Canada to have completed an Associateship with the Canadian HIV Clinical Trials Network and Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR), where her research focused on vaccination strategies in HIV infected patients. In addition, she is co-lead of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program at the IWK Health Centre.

She has received numerous awards for her antimicrobial stewardship efforts including the Nova Scotia Quality Summit Award for the development of the AMS

Program at the IWK. Her work was highlighted at a recent Canadian Patient Safety Institute Board Reception on behalf of the IWK to showcase the development of the IWK Antimicrobial Stewardship Application in Spectrum, the first AMS App developed for a Pediatric and Women's Health Hospital in Canada and the first App developed by the IWK. Dr. Slayter is also a clinical scientist with the Canadian Center for Vaccinology (CCfV) and Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN) and is an avid researcher and has published extensively in the area of immunization. In her free time, she has helped to train and certify over 600 pharmacists in the Dalhousie College of Pharmacy's Immunization and Injection Administration Training Program which she also co-developed.