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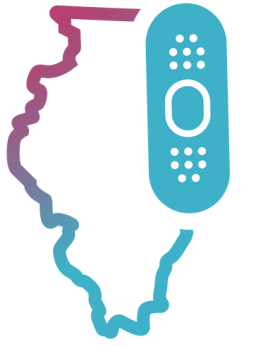
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Hospital Partners Report 4 June 2023

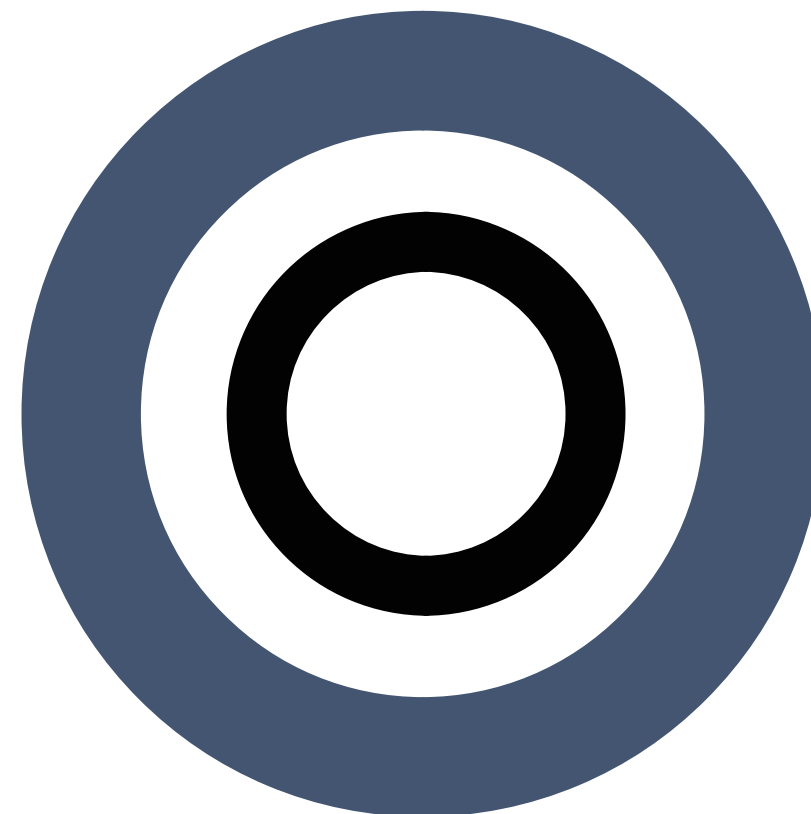


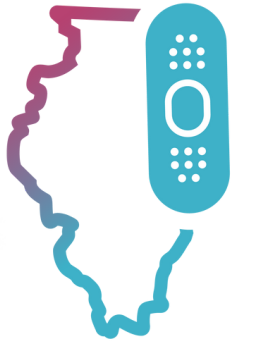


GOAL: Increase access to COVID-19 vaccines for all Illinoisans.

Through:

- Expanding the number of pediatric, primary care providers, and hospital organizations enrolled to administer COVID-19 vaccines.
- Integrating COVID-19 vaccines into routine clinical workflows.



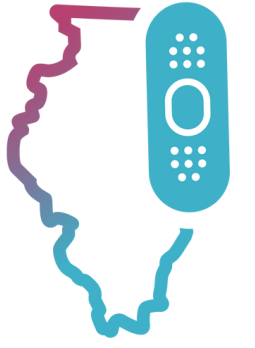


Changes Keep Coming

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met on April 19, 2023 to discuss:

- COVID-19 vaccine program updates
- COVID-19 vaccine safety updates
- Update: v-safe after vaccination health checker
- COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness updates
- Updates to COVID-19 vaccine policy: data and work
- Group considerations
- Clinical considerations updates

This meeting supported the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) simplifying COVID-19 vaccine recommendations and allowing older adults and certain immunocompromised populations to get additional doses of the updated vaccine.



How We Got Here



4.18.23

FDA Amended EUAs

Of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent mRNA vaccines.



4.19.23

ACIP Met

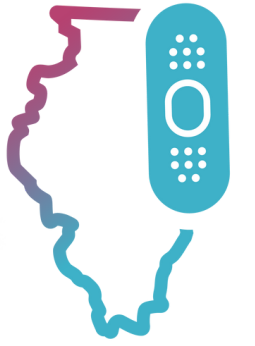
Discussed vaccine data and schedules. No votes.



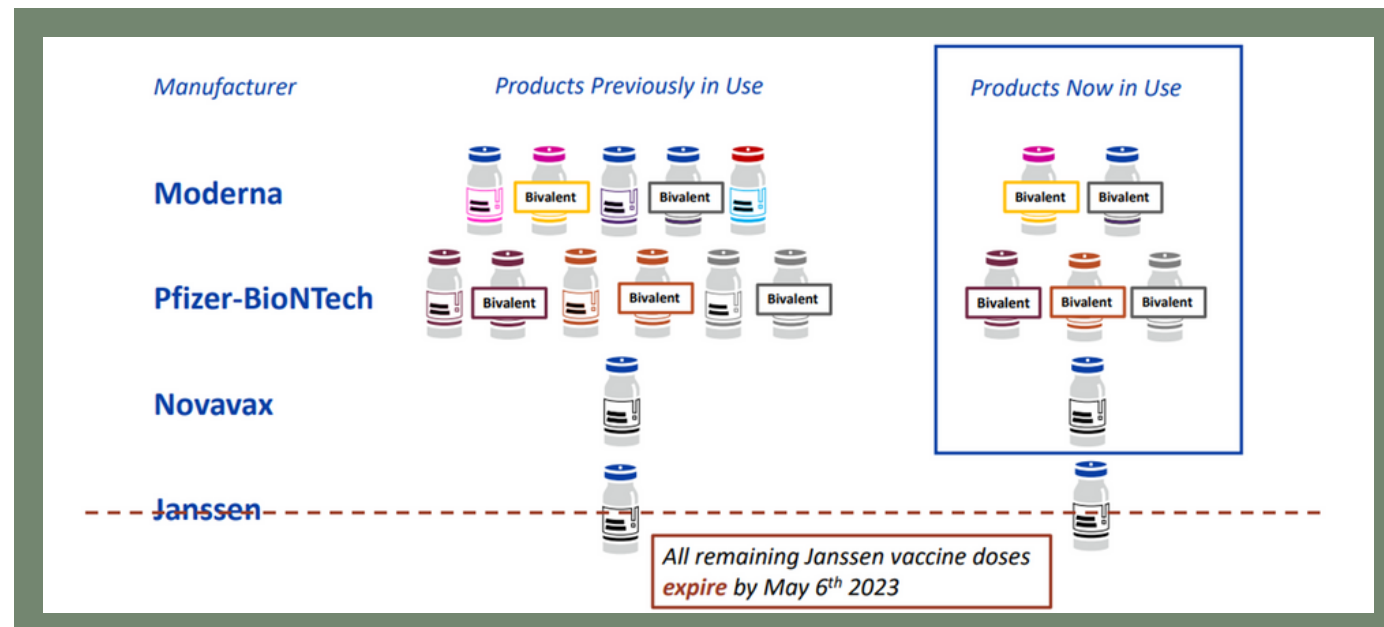
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CDC Endorsed Support

It is all happening.



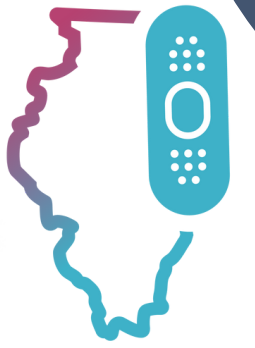
Bye to Monovalent Vaccines & Janssen



As of April 22, 2023, COVID-19 vaccination schedules have been simplified for some age groups and less products are being used. Monovalent mRNA vaccines are no longer authorized for use. The revised schedule is available here, on the CDC's [website](#).

The Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine is no longer available in the US, as all remaining doses expired as of May 7, 2023. Any remaining stock should be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. All guidance for use of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has also been removed from the CDC website. Those who previously received 1 or 2 doses of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine should receive at least one bivalent dose of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

End of the Public Health Emergency (PHE)



Fact Sheet from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Commercialization = COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be purchased and supplied by the federal government.

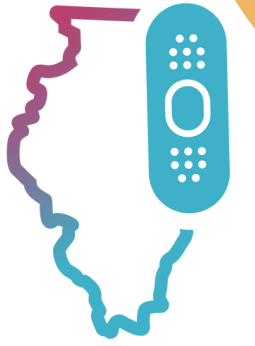
How will patients be impacted by commercialization?

Commercialization is a separate process and timeline than the end of the PHE. It is expected that patients with private insurance or public insurance (Medicaid, Illinois All Kids, and Medicare) will continue to have the cost of vaccines covered once the PHE has ended and the federal supply of vaccines has been depleted. Children eligible for the Vaccines For Children will be able to receive a vaccine at no cost. Adults with no insurance will likely have limited access to free vaccines. Access may be impacted by vaccine supply.

How will commercialization impact providers?

There is uncertainty about the upfront cost that may be required from providers to purchase COVID-19 vaccines at this time. As far as ordering, once commercialized, it is likely that COVID19 vaccines will be obtained in the same way other commercialized vaccines are ordered. The hope is that upon commercialization single-dose vials and lower-minimum quantity orders will be available.

More on Commercialization



- ACIP meeting on 6/21/23 and 6/22/23 will cover COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness and hybrid immunity.
- \$5B allocated towards Project Next Gen.
- Expected fall 2023, when the federal government runs out of money/vaccine supply.
- Vaccine costs will be covered by private insurance – how much is unknown.
- Will be covered by Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.
- Medicaid will continue to provide vaccines at no cost.
- Upfront costs for providers who purchase COVID-19 vaccines – how much is unknown.
- Moderna: \$130/dose? (expected program for uninsured).
- Pfizer: \$110-\$130/dose?
- The American Academy of Pediatrics is advocating for:
 - Longer invoice and payment schedules so that pediatricians can be reimbursed before having to purchase additional vaccines.
 - Simplified and improved labeling of COVID-19 vials to minimize errors in administration.
 - An easier return process for expired doses.
 - Single-dose vials for all products.

CPT Codes

With the recent change to the use of bivalent-only COVID-19 vaccine products, there have been some updates to the coding structure for COVID-19 vaccine administration and counseling.

Refer to this detailed article from the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) for more information to help ensure you are getting paid for all your efforts!

Here is the updated schedule of fees from [IL HFS](#).






We Listened to Clinicians

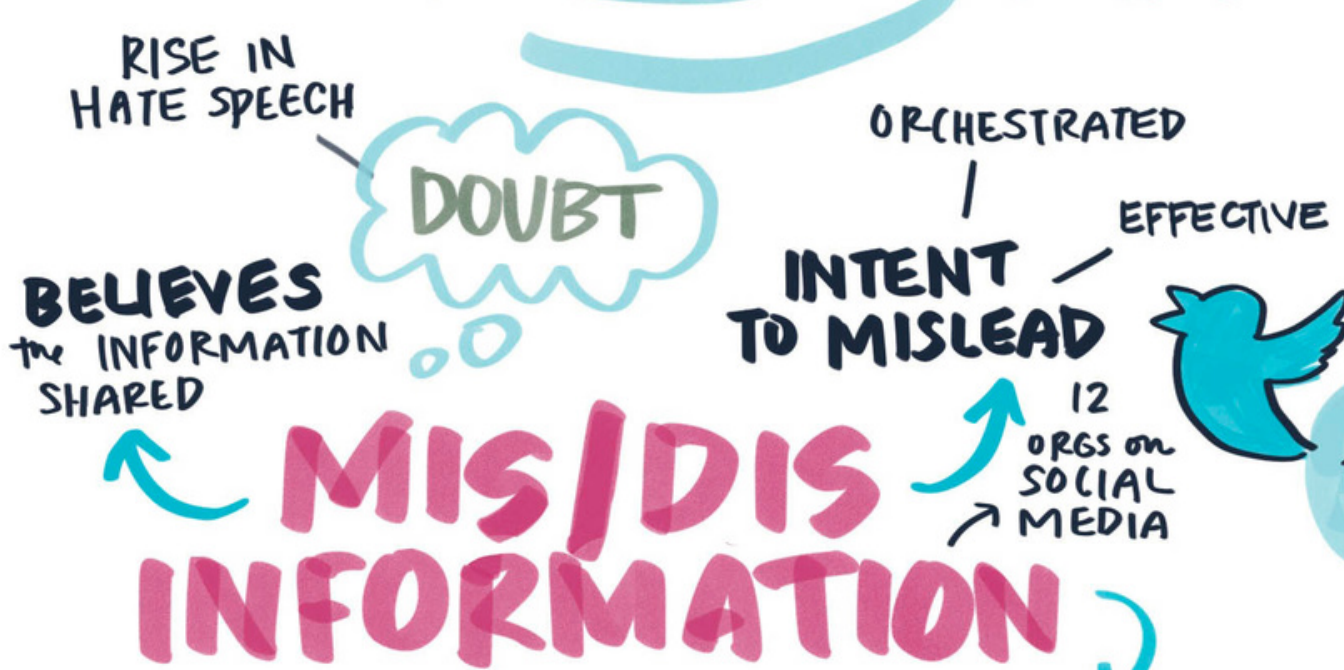
In April, we invited vaccinators to join us for a discussion on vaccine misinformation, disinformation, and hesitancy: where we have been and where we go next. The session included a 30-minute presentation on how the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the landscape around vaccine hesitancy overall, followed by a conversation they got to share what they have experienced as a vaccinating clinician during the COVID-19 pandemic, what they have heard from patients and their families and, what they wish their patients, their families and the public knew.

This event was held virtually and included live notetaking by Ink Factory. This was a safe space to share all experiences, challenges, and ideas with colleagues. The information gathered helped to identify themes for a public marketing campaign. Two sessions were available and we are so happy to share the illustrations that were produced by the note-takers on the next four pages.



The PANDEMIC, VACCINE HESITANCY, & THE CURRENT STATE OF IMMUNIZATIONS

WITH DR. EDWARD LINN



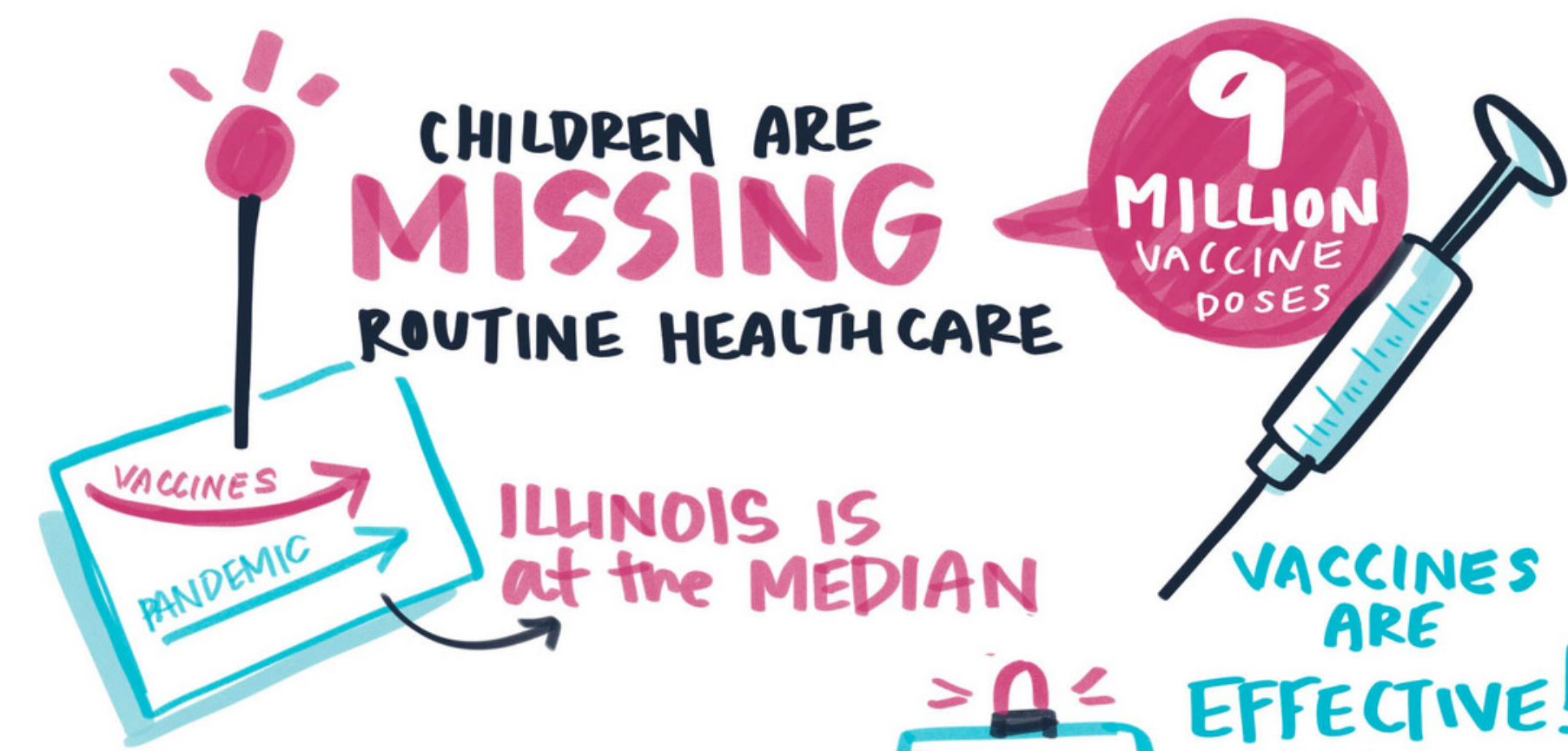
SCIENCE LEARNING ON-THE-FLY LEADS TO **CONFUSION**

INFODEMIC

- DOXXING
- THE DIRTY DOZEN

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HESITANCY



POWER of the PEDIATRICIAN

75% - 50% ARE NOT DISCUSSING the CHILD'S COVID VACCINATIONS

THE CONVERSATION IS NOT HAPPENING

HIGH CREDIBILITY

NEED TO BE PROACTIVE!

The PANDEMIC, VACCINE HESITANCY, & THE CURRENT STATE OF IMMUNIZATIONS

WITH DR. MARIELLE FRICCHIONE

WE CAN'T LIVE
IN **SILOS**



DISEASES WILL
FIGHT TO SURVIVE

HAVE
CONVERSATIONS
WITH
PARENTS

WE
CARE

PARENTS

TRUST
PEDIATRICIANS

SAYING
SOMETHING
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE

DIFFERENT VACCINES
HAVE DIFFERENT
PROBLEMS

YEARS of
SAFETY
DATA



MAKE
SOMETHING
POSITIVE

AT RISK for
OLD DISEASES
AGAIN

**VACCINE
COVERAGE**

23 MILLION
CHILDREN
MISSED OUT ON
VACCINES

SO MANY
MISSED
DOSES

MEASLES
4.8% BELOW
THRESHOLD

WHOOPIING
COUGH

POLIO

WE ARE A
GLOBAL
COMMUNITY

USE OUR
PROFESSIONAL
ORGS

BIG ISSUE!

ALLOWING
MORE EXEMPTIONS
IN SCHOOLS

DISTURBING
TRENDS

KIDS are
UNPROTECTED!

KINDERGARTEN
COVERAGE

LOWER
ROUTINE RATES

LOOSE
RULES

**INFO
OVERLOAD**

CONFUSION

WHY?

VERY HESITANT
TO VACCINATE
YOUNG CHILDREN

BIVALENT
BOOSTER
LOW RATES

EXPANDED
EXEMPTIONS

KNOW
IT'S
WRONG

DOXXING
SCAMS
DELIBERATE

PARENTAL
RIGHTS
MOVEMENT

KEEP KIDS
OUT of the HOSPITAL

HIGH
RISK

WE MUST NOT
BE DISCOURAGED
FROM
ADVOCATING
FOR CHILDREN!

**HOSPITAL
ADMISSIONS
INCREASING**



**MIS/DIS
INFORMATION**

DIFFICULT
TO ENGAGE
WITH

**SMALLEST
CHILDREN**



PREGNANT
PEOPLE

NO EVIDENCE
of FERTILITY
BIRTH PROBLEMS

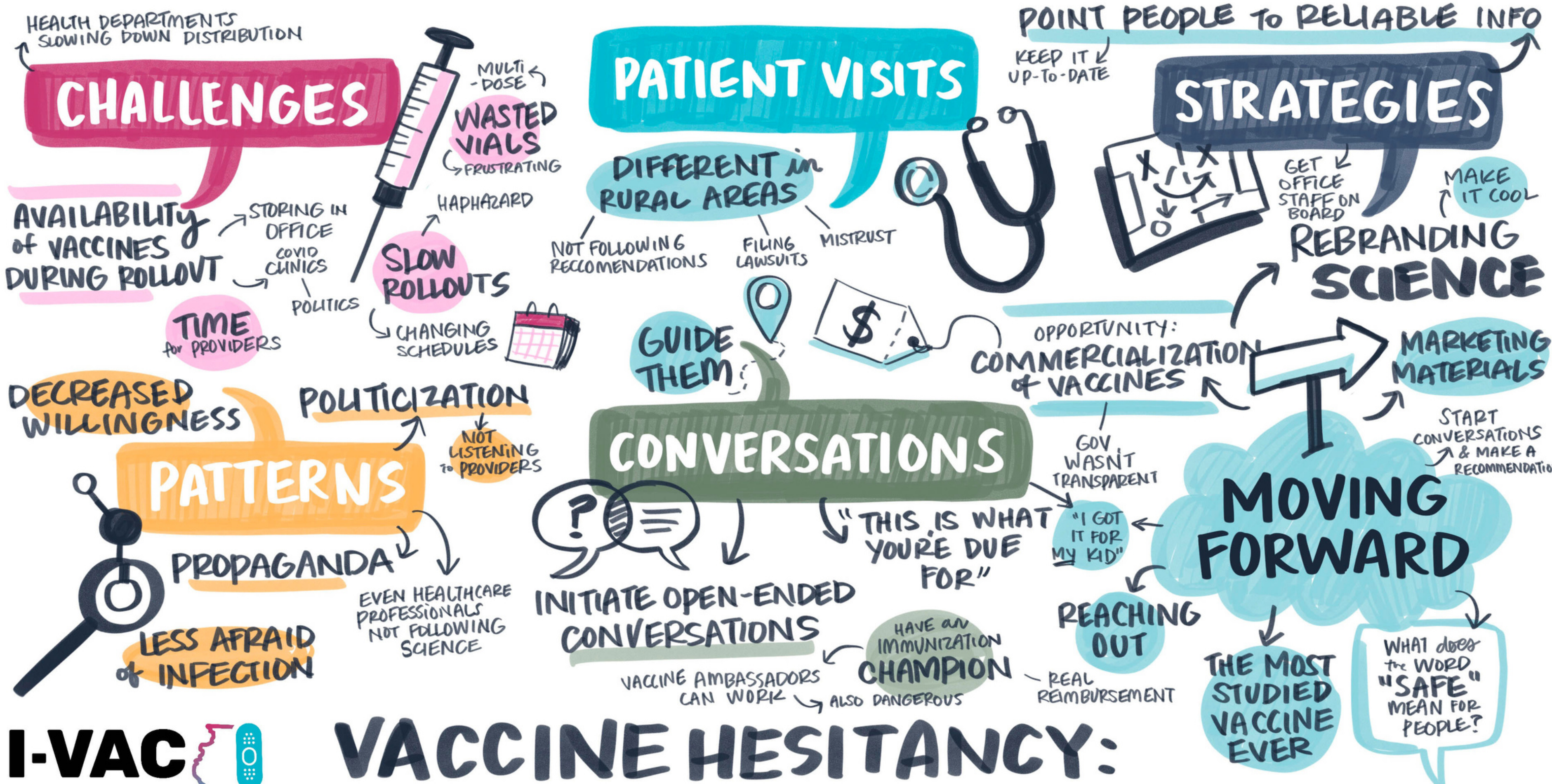
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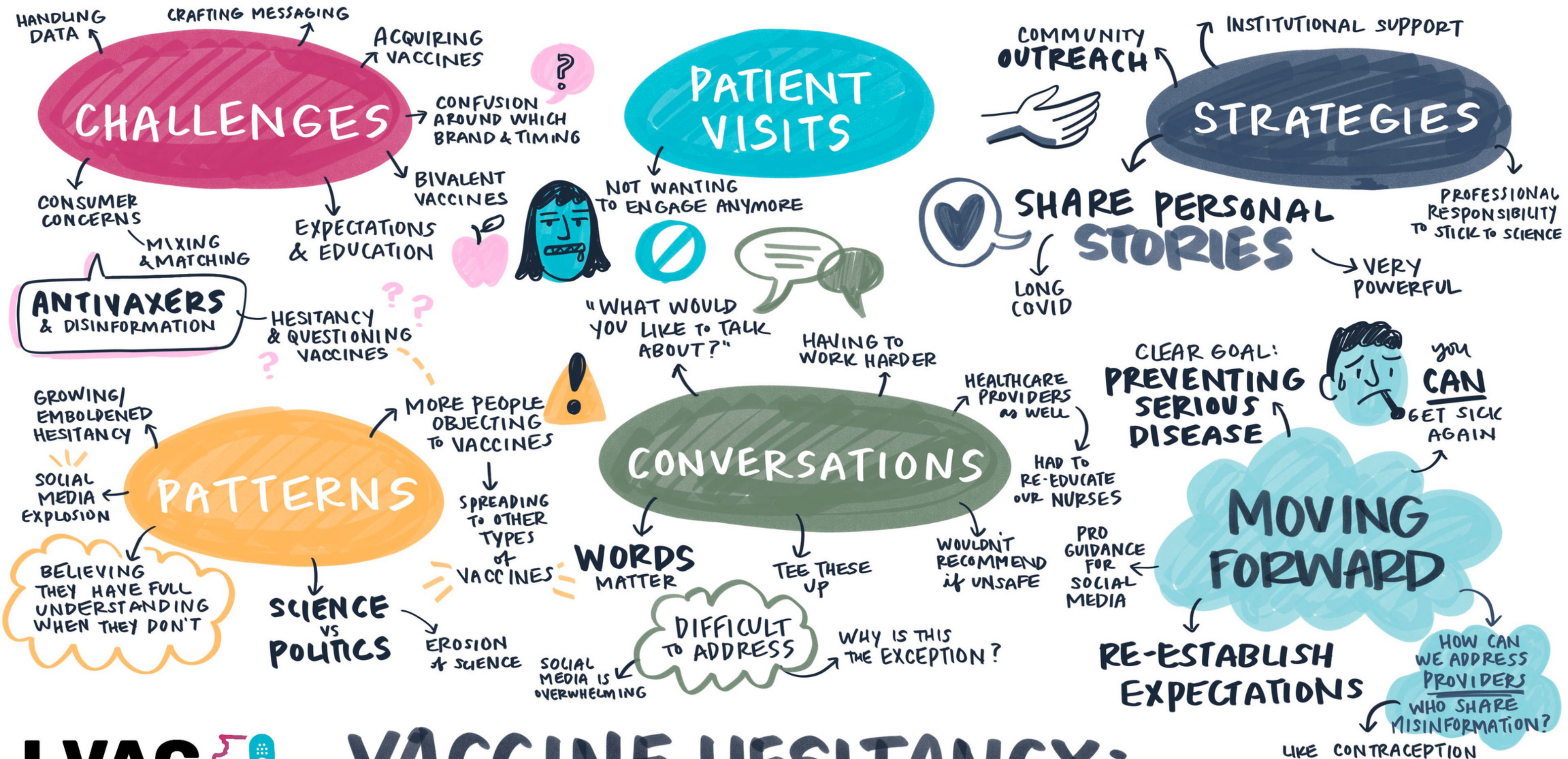
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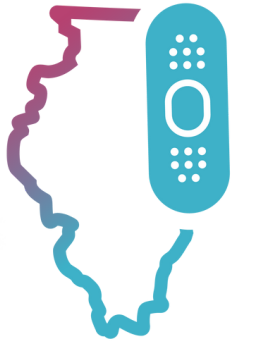
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you talk. we draw. it's awesome.





VACCINE HESITANCY: WHERE WE'VE BEEN & WHERE WE GO NEXT

Beyond the Needle Podcast



BEYOND THE NEEDLE



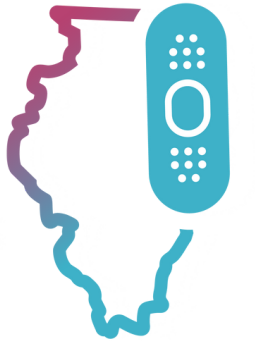
New episodes that help tackle the real-world barriers to COVID-19 vaccination uptake are available on the I-VAC website and other podcast streaming platforms.

Primary care clinicians cover a number of topics, including...

- Implementation Barriers
- Vaccine Hesitancy
- Special Populations
- Motivational Interviewing
- Reducing Disparities
- Conversations with Parents

CME credits are available for each episode.

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