**Flu Fighters Competition**

I challenge all SNPhA chapters to encourage everyone in their community to receive a flu vaccination this year!

Vaccine stigmas are increasing every day. Many Americans do not see the need in receiving their flu shot, but every year many people are hospitalized due to complications of the flu. Health professionals need to encourage everyone to receive this vaccine yearly.

**September 23rd, 2019 – December 7th, 2019**

**Logistics:**
I know that some state laws prohibit students from administering vaccines. I do not want that to deter you from making an impact and promoting the vaccine in your community. So, this year there will be 2 divisions in the Flu Fighters Competition. (Please indicate whether your chapter is in Division 1 or Division 2 in your first CIC submission!) I do not know your state’s laws or your school’s policies and am unable to give advice pertaining to those things. Please consult your SNPhA Chapter advisor with any questions you may have in those regards.

- **Division 1: The Vaccinators***
  - The goal for chapters in this division is to be the chapter that administers the most flu vaccines between September 23rd & December 7th.
  - Only vaccinations given at a SNPhA event count (i.e: you may not count vaccines given while at work or vaccines that you are being paid to give)
  - ***Don’t forget to submit a picture of the VIS that you give to your patients in order to receive full credit for each event!

- **Division 2: The Promoters**
  - The goal for chapters in this division is to promote the flu vaccine to the most people between September 23rd & December 7th.
  - Educating the public, creating and handing out informational fliers, connecting patients with resources to get their flu shot (e.g.; local flu clinics), etc.

*Chapters that fall under the division 1 category should not be discouraged from taking part in promotional events and activities. While it will not count toward your total for this competition, you are still able to submit those events for CIC points (see below to make sure you are meeting the requirements for an OI event as listed in the manual***)

**Directly from the OI Manual:**
- Must include 2 of the following criteria below to serve as an Operation Immunization event:
  - Distribution of patient information related to immunization (i.e. pamphlets, brochures, printouts, etc.)
  - Providing immunizations to patients
  - Medication and vaccination review/education
  - Seminar/lecture to membership or patients
○ Creation of original informational materials (i.e. pamphlets, brochures, printouts, etc.) related to immunization
○ Host the National Operation Immunization Chair to take part in your event
○ Create/distribute surveys to assess the quality of the event

CIC Reporting/Where to report the number of patients vaccinated/reached?
● Don’t forget your 3 pictures + 1 picture of your handout/VIS (if applicable)!
● Event must be reported following the 14+1 rule (2 weeks from the day of the event to submit) or it will not count towards your total
● Report the event under Operation Immunization & include “Flu Fighters” somewhere in the title
● In your first submission for this competition, please indicate if your chapter is considered Division 1 or Division 2.
● When you submit a CIC report for your event, make sure to include the total number vaccinated and/or the total number educated.

Winners:
● First place in each division will receive a bonus of **500 CIC points**!
● Second place will receive a bonus of **300 CIC points**!
● Third place will receive a bonus of **150 CIC points**!

All winners will be recognized on the OI Initiative page on SNPhA.org & on the initiative Facebook page. Winners will be announced during the January conference call.