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Re: Expertise for Vaccines in Pregnancy Working Group

Dear Drs. Kulldorff and Zadeh,

On behalf of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), thank you for the opportunity to convey our commitment and dedication to healthy pregnancies. During the September 2025 meeting of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), ACIP members discussed a newly formed working group focused on vaccines in pregnancy. SMFM welcomes the opportunity to offer our expertise to this working group with the intention of supporting ACIP and SMFM's shared vision for healthy maternal-fetal outcomes.

SMFM is a non-profit medical association representing more than 6,500 clinicians and researchers with substantial knowledge and expertise in high-risk pregnancy. SMFM is dedicated to the advancement of optimal perinatal outcomes. The work of our members helps to support the health of pregnant patients, their babies, and their families.

The inclusion of SMFM in the vaccines in pregnancy working group will allow for the representation of experts who can convey critical and valuable insights and knowledge in maternal and child health. SMFM can provide thoughtful and

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nuanced contributions to any deliberations regarding vaccines in pregnancy and serve as a credible resource with primary experience and relationships with pregnant patients.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express ACIP and SMFM's common values. We hope you will consider this proposed partnership. Please direct any follow-up or questions to Lamiya Ahmed, SMFM's Manager of Public Health Initiatives (lahmed@smfm.org).

Sincerely,

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