CLINICAL TRIALS
3 phases of clinical trials
Volunteers are given vaccine candidates, and in the final phase, tens of thousands of vaccine recipients are watched for side effects and illness and compared to tens of thousands of volunteers who receive a placebo—a non-vaccine injection.

FDA APPROVAL
FDA reviews trial data
If a vaccine is shown to work for at least 50% of those in trials and shows a very low risk of side effects, the FDA will approve it for use in the U.S.

ACIP RECOMMENDS
Independent advisors get a say
ACIP, independent scientists advising CDC, will also look at all trial data and decide whether or not the vaccine is effective and safe enough to recommend for some or all people in the United States.

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS
AAP, ACP, ACOG & AAFP may accept
Professional provider groups look over the data and the ACIP recommendations to decide whether or not to accept them. They then communicate those findings to the healthcare professionals they lead.

YOUR PROVIDER
Your trusted health resource
Your provider has access to all of the data and information about COVID-19 through professional organizations as well as through medical journals and public health agencies. Your local public health agencies can also explain all of this information to help you decide to get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available.

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