



CDC IMMUNIZATION
RESOURCES
for You & Your Patients



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General Resources—Immunization Guidelines and Recommendations

- > **IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES:** The schedules of recommended vaccinations for all age groups are available in several formats at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules.
- > **VACCINE ADMINISTRATION:** Guidelines, screening questions, and contraindications and precautions tables, as well as checklists and comforting techniques for your patients, are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin. A new self-paced vaccine administration e-Learn course that provides comprehensive training with videos, job aids, and other resources is now available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html.
- > **VACCINE STORAGE AND HANDLING:** Storage and handling videos, toolkits, and fact sheets based on ACIP recommendations are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html.
- > **VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VISs):** These statements explain vaccine benefits and risks to your patients. Federal law requires you to provide a VIS to patients before administering most vaccines. Print-ready versions are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis. Visit the Immunization Action Coalition website at www.immunize.org/vis to find VISs translated into more than 40 languages.



- > **VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS):** The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act requires providers to report certain adverse events using this nationwide system. VAERS is also used to analyze data and produce reports. The VAERS website at vaers.hhs.gov has recently been updated along with a new reporting form.



EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES (PINK BOOK): The Pink Book is CDC's most comprehensive source of information on vaccine-preventable diseases and recommendations for vaccine use. An electronic version can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html. Hard copies can be ordered through the Public Health Foundation at bookstore.phf.org/Store/ProductDetails.aspx?productId=27876. A supplement to the current edition, which addresses changes to recommendations for human papillomavirus vaccines, serogroup B meningococcal vaccines, and pneumococcal vaccines, is posted at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/supplement.html.

- > **YOU CALL THE SHOTS (YCTS):** It is important to stay current with changes in vaccine recommendations. YCTS is a set of training modules on vaccine recommendations and practices, with links to resource materials. YCTS modules are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html.
- > **IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** CDC offers numerous education and training programs for health care personnel. A variety of topics and formats are available. Physicians, nurses, health educators, pharmacists, and other health care professionals are invited to apply for continuing education when available. www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/index.html.



- > **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP):** ACIP develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control disease in the United States. The recommendations include the age(s) when vaccines should be given, the number of doses needed, the amount of time between doses, and precautions and contraindications. ACIP recommendations are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html.
- > **GENERAL BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR IMMUNIZATION:** CDC recommends routine vaccinations to prevent 17 vaccine-preventable diseases that occur in infants, adolescents, and adults. This new report replaces the General Recommendations on Immunization and is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html.
- > **CDC TRAVEL VACCINES:** If you or your patients will be traveling outside the United States, visit CDC's travel vaccine web page at wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel for information on recommended vaccines.



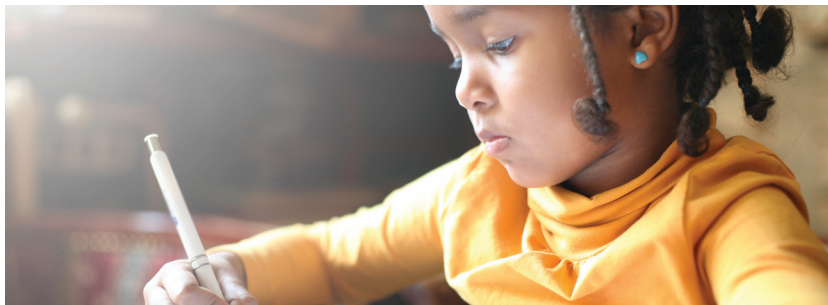
Children—Resources for Health Care Professionals

- > **VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC):** This federally funded program provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not be vaccinated because of inability to pay. Additional information, including how you can become a VFC provider, can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/index.html.
- > **PROVIDER RESOURCES FOR VACCINE CONVERSATIONS WITH PARENTS:** Materials include handouts for parents and information resources for health care professionals. They offer tips for effectively addressing questions from parents, as well as information for parents who choose not to vaccinate. Find information and materials to support your conversations with parents about vaccines, vaccine safety, and vaccine-preventable diseases at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/conversations.
- > **INFLUENZA RESOURCES:** Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Information and resources for patients, parents, and health care professionals are available at www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/index.htm.
- > **PERTUSSIS RESOURCES:** Information on pertussis and pertussis vaccination, which is recommended for people of all ages, can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/pertussis.



Children—Resources for Parents

- > **CDC VACCINE WEBSITE FOR PARENTS:** CDC provides parents with credible, balanced information about the benefits and risks of vaccination for their children, available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents.
- > **FACT SHEETS ABOUT VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES:** Information for parents is available on each of the 14 diseases that can be prevented by timely vaccinations. Each disease fact sheet is available in two versions, one with basic and one with in-depth information. The fact sheets, also available in Spanish, can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/prevent-diseases/provider-resources-factsheets-infants.html.
- > **VACCINE SAFETY:** Information about vaccine safety basics and how vaccine safety is monitored is available on the CDC Vaccine Safety web page at www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety.



Adolescents—Resources for Health Care Professionals

- > **MENINGOCOCCAL RESOURCES:** Meningococcal disease and vaccination information and resources for patients, parents, and health care professionals are available at www.cdc.gov/meningococcal.
- > **INFLUENZA RESOURCES:** Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Information and resources for patients, parents, and health care professionals are available at www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/index.htm.
- > **PERTUSSIS RESOURCES:** Information on pertussis and pertussis vaccination, which is recommended for people of all ages, can be found at www.cdc.gov/pertussis.



- > **HPV VACCINE RESOURCES:** Information, resources, and ready-to-use tools to help clinicians and their staffs successfully recommend and answer questions about HPV vaccination are available at www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp. Information written for parents, health care professionals, and public health professionals can be found at www.cdc.gov/hpv.



YOU ARE THE KEY TO CANCER PREVENTION: This presentation, which provides up-to-date information on HPV, including the infection/disease, the vaccines, and ways to communicate successfully with patients and their parents, is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/hpv/index.html.



Adolescents—Resources for Parents and Patients

- > **ADOLESCENT VACCINES:** This fact sheet for parents on the vaccines recommended for preteens and teens can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/prevent-diseases/provider-resources-factsheets-teens.html.
- > **INFLUENZA RESOURCES:** Information and resources for parents and patients about influenza and influenza vaccination, including English and Spanish fact sheets, brochures and other print materials, infographics, GIF images, widgets, and more, can be found at www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/index.htm.
- > **HPV VACCINATION:** Information written for parents about HPV infection, cancers, cancer screening, vaccination, and vaccine safety can be found at www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents.
- > **VACCINE SAFETY:** Information about vaccine safety basics and how vaccine safety is monitored is available on the CDC Vaccine Safety web page at www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety.

Adults—Resources for Health Care Professionals

- > **ADULT VACCINATION RESOURCES FOR PROVIDER PRACTICES:** Information and resources on how to improve adult immunization in your practice using evidence-based strategies and tools, as well as insurance and payment resources, are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/patient-ed/adults/for-practice/.
- > **GUIDELINES FOR VACCINATING PREGNANT WOMEN:** This table, found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/preg-guide.htm, provides an overview of vaccination recommendations for pregnant women.
- > **Tdap VACCINATION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN:** Specific fact sheets about making strong recommendations and/or referrals for Tdap vaccination can be found at www.cdc.gov/pertussis/pregnant/hcp/pregnant-patients.html.
- > **PERTUSSIS RESOURCES:** Information on pertussis and pertussis vaccination, which is recommended for people of all ages (including pregnant women), can be found at www.cdc.gov/pertussis/materials/hcp.html.

- > **INFLUENZA RESOURCES:** Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Information and resources for patients, parents, and health care professionals are available at www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals.
- > **STANDARDS FOR ADULT IMMUNIZATION:** All health care professionals—whether they provide vaccinations or not—can take steps to help ensure that their adult patients are fully immunized. Find resources, information, and tips to improve your vaccination practices at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/adults/for-practice/standards/index.html.



Adults—Resources for Patients

- > **RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR ADULTS:** Find information about why vaccines are important and which vaccines may be recommended depending on age, job, lifestyle, travel, or health condition, at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults.
- > **RESOURCES FOR YOUR ADULT PATIENTS:** Resources for adults (general), pregnant women, travelers, adults with chronic health conditions, and health care workers, including patient handouts, posters, web buttons and banners, ready-to-publish articles, sample tweets, social media posts, and Spanish-language materials, are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/adults/for-patients/index.html.
- > **RESOURCES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN:** Resources for pregnant women, including fact sheets, posters, videos, infographics, and Spanish-language materials, can be found at www.cdc.gov/pertussis/materials/pregnant.html.
- > **INFLUENZA RESOURCES:** Information and resources for parents and patients about influenza and influenza vaccination, including English and Spanish fact sheets, brochures and other print materials, infographics, GIF images, widgets, and more, can be found at www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/index.htm.

- > **VACCINE QUIZ FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS:** This web-based, interactive quiz helps adolescents and adults find out which vaccines they may need based on their responses to a brief set of questions. The quiz is available at www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched/.
- > **VACCINE SAFETY:** Information about vaccine safety basics and how vaccine safety is monitored can be found on the CDC Vaccine Safety web page at www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/index.html.
- > **INFLUENZA RESOURCES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN:** Resources for pregnant women about influenza vaccination, including fact sheets, posters, flyers, and Spanish language materials, can be found at www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/print-pregnant.htm.
- > **VACCINE QUIZ FOR PREGNANT WOMEN:** This web-based quiz helps pregnant women understand how important vaccination is for protecting themselves and their baby. The quiz is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pregnancy/vaccine-quiz.html.

Contact Information

- > **1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636):** CDC-INFO, CDC's national contact center, is your source for accurate, timely, consistent, and science-based information on a wide variety of disease prevention and health promotion topics, including immunization. Contact them at the number above or by email at www.cdc.gov/cdc-info/.
- > **NIPINFO@CDC.GOV:** Send your immunization-related questions to this e-mail address, and you will receive an answer from a CDC immunization expert, usually within 24 hours.
- > **CDC-INFO ON DEMAND:** Order CDC immunization publications through CDC-INFO On Demand at wwwn.cdc.gov/pubs/CDCInfoOnDemand.aspx. You can search for publications by topic or title.
- > **STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS:** More information can be found by visiting your state or local immunization program website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/awardee-imz-websites.html.
- > **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:** Additional immunization resources can be found through CDC's immunization partner organizations at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/partners.html.



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