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Each year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) publishes immunization schedules that summarize recommendations for currently licensed vaccines for children aged 18 years and younger, and for adults ([1,2](#)). In February 2009, ACIP approved a listing of standardized vaccine abbreviations for use in these immunization schedules.

The table of standardized vaccine abbreviations was developed by staff members at CDC; ACIP members and workgroups; editors of *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* (3); and others. These abbreviations are intended to provide a uniform approach to vaccine references used in ACIP recommendations. The standardized vaccine abbreviations are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/vac-abbrev.htm>.

References

1. [CDC. Recommended immunization schedules for persons aged 0 through 18 years---United States, 2009. MMWR 2008;57\(51&52\).](#)
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