General Recommendations on Immunization

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The General Recommendations Work Group (GRWG) Terms of Reference

- Publishes an MMWR ~ 3-5 year intervals
- Addresses immunization issues relevant to all vaccines
- Addresses topics ad hoc that cannot be attributed to a single vaccine

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- Directed to providers that are giving many different vaccines every day
- Providers come from variable backgrounds (i.e. physicians, nurse-practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, medical assistants)
- Text, tables, and figures (for quick reference)



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General Recommendations – Revision – Specific Topics

- Timing and Spacing of Immunobiologics
 - The grace period and the live vaccine rule
 - Simultaneous and non-simultaneous administration
 - Inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV),
 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) –
 Febrile Seizures
 - PCV13 and Meningococcal conjugate vaccine D (MCV4-D)

General Recommendations – Revision – Specific Topics

- Contraindications and Precautions
 - Clarification of contraindications and precautions tables
 - Guillain-Barré syndrome
 - Arthus reactions
 - Vaccination during acute illness
 - Surgery/anesthesia
- Special situations
 - Vaccination during pregnancy
 - Persons vaccinated outside of the U.S.
 - Uncertain history of pertussis vaccination
 - Self-report

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