

# **Hepatitis Vaccines**

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# **ACIP Hepatitis WG Terms of Reference**

### Hepatitis A

- Update hepatitis A recommendations (2006)
  - Prevention of hepatitis A through active or passive immunization: recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), MMWR, May 19, 2006, Vol 55, #RR-07

### **Current Recommendations Published Since 2006**

- Updated Recommendations from the ACIP for Use of Hepatitis A Vaccine in Close Contacts of Newly Arriving International Adoptees, MMWR, September 18, 2009, Vol 58, #36
- Updated Recommendations from the ACIP for Use of Hepatitis A Vaccine for Postexposure Prophylaxis and for Preexposure Prophylaxis for International Travel, MMWR, November 2, 2018, Vol 67, #43
- Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of Hepatitis A Vaccine for Persons Experiencing Homelessness, MMWR, February 15, 2019, Vol 68, #6

# **Work Group Considerations**

- May 2014 June 2019
  - Thirty-one meetings focused on hepatitis A vaccine topics

- March 2019 June 2019
  - Five meetings focused on the proposed updated hepatitis A vaccine statement

# **Today's Session – I**

#### Hepatitis A vaccines – 3 votes

- (1) Hepatitis A catch-up vaccination
  - Hepatitis A vaccines have demonstrated safety and efficacy for over 20 years
  - Nearly the entire cohort of children aged 13-17 years assessed in 2017, living in states where vaccination was recommended in 2006, were not yet subject to the routine recommendation for childhood vaccination
    - Yet as of 2017, more than 3 out of 4 teens had initiated the series and over 2/3 were fully vaccinated
  - 40% of states have a daycare or school mandate, or both, for HepA vaccination in 2018, increasing over time from hepatitis A vaccine introduction
  - 27 of 30 state immunization information systems (IIS) already routinely forecast hepatitis A vaccine as being due for an 18 year old who has never been vaccinated (American Immunization Registry Association)

# Today's Session - II

#### Hepatitis A vaccines – 3 votes

- (2) HIV as a risk group for increased HAV infection severity
  - When persons with HIV (PWHIV) are co-infected with hepatitis A virus (HAV) infection, they experience higher peak HAV viral loads and a prolonged duration of hepatitis A viremia than persons without HIV infection
  - PWHIV usually respond to hepatitis A vaccination, particularly when the CD4 cell count is >200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and the PWHIV has a low HIV RNA viral load
  - HIV co-infection outbreak data is available for a limited number of outbreak associated states, indicating excess risk of PWHIV to HAV infection in those states
  - Data from the medical monitoring project also indicates substantial HAV infection among PWHIV
- (3) Full updated hepatitis A vaccine statement

# **Next Steps**

Continue deliberations on adult hepatitis B vaccination topics

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