

Vaccine Highlights

Recommendations, schedules, and more

Editor's note: The information in Vaccine Highlights is current as of February 1, 2012.

The next ACIP meetings

A committee of 15 national experts, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) advises CDC on the appropriate use of vaccines. ACIP meets 3 times a year in Atlanta; meetings are open to the public. The next meetings will be held on Feb. 22–23 and June 20–21. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip.

ACIP periodically issues public health recommendations on the use of vaccines. Clinicians who vaccinate should have a current set for reference. Published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, ACIP recommendations are easily available. Here are sources:

- Download them from links on IAC's website: www.immunize.org/acip.
- Download them from CDC's website: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm.

New ACIP recommendations

On Dec. 23, 2011, *MMWR* published "Recommendations on the Use of Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine in Males." ACIP recommends routine vaccination of males age 11 or 12 years with quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV4; Gardasil; Merck) administered as a 3-dose series that can be started in males as young as age 9 years. Vaccination is also recommended for males age 13 through 21 years who have not been vaccinated previously or have not completed the series. Males age 22 through 26 years may be vaccinated.

ACIP also recommends vaccination with HPV4 in males 22–26 who are immunocompromised and for men who have sex with men. To obtain a copy of the recommendations, see pages 1705–1708 of the *MMWR* issue located at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6050.pdf.

On Dec. 23, 2011, CDC published ACIP recommendations titled "Use of Hepatitis B Vaccination for Adults with Diabetes Mellitus." ACIP recommends that hepatitis B vaccine be administered to unvaccinated adult diabetics age 19 through 59 years. The recommendations also state that hepatitis B vaccine may be administered to unvaccinated diabetics age 60 years and older at the discretion of the treating clinician. To obtain a copy of the recommendations, see pages 1709–1711 of the *MMWR* issue located at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6050.pdf.

On Nov. 25, 2011, CDC published ACIP recommendations titled *Immunization of Health-Care Personnel*. To obtain a copy, go to www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/tr/tr6007.pdf.

Other vaccine news

On Nov. 11, 2011, CDC published "Update on Herpes Zoster Vaccine: Licensure for Persons Aged 50 Through 59 Years." It states that at its June 2011 meeting, ACIP declined to recommend use of herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine for adults age 50 through 59 years and reaffirmed its current recommendation that the vaccine be routinely recommended for adults age 60 years and older. ACIP cited the limited supply of Zostavax as a concern in recommending an expanded age indication for the vaccine. ACIP will continue to monitor supply issues and might update recommendations regarding vaccination of adults age 50 through 59 years when an adequate and stable supply of the vaccine is assured. To access the article, see page 1528 of the *MMWR* issue located at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6044.pdf.

On Dec. 30, 2011, FDA issued a press release announcing that it has approved the use of the pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate vaccine, Prevnar 13 (Pfizer), to prevent pneumonia and invasive disease caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in people age 50 and older. Prevnar 13 was originally approved on Feb. 24, 2010, for use in infants and children age 6 weeks through 5 years. The FDA press release is available at www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm285431.htm.

New VISs

On Jan. 24, CDC issued an updated VIS for Td and Tdap vaccines. It incorporates updated ACIP recommendations regarding children age 7 through 9 years, adults 65 and older, and pregnant women. It also includes a paragraph about the risk of syncope. Because of the addition of risk information, CDC encourages providers to begin using the updated edition as soon as possible. To access the VIS, go to www.immunize.org/vis/td_tdap.pdf.

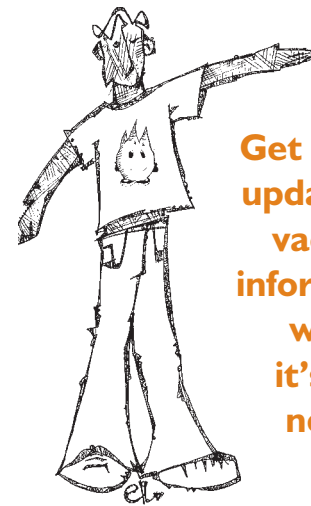
On Dec. 7, 2011, CDC released a revised Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine VIS. To access it, go to www.immunize.org/vis/je_ixiario.pdf.

On Nov. 8, 2011, CDC released a revised inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) VIS. It does not differ significantly from the previous edition. To access it, go to www.immunize.org/vis/polio-ipv.pdf.

On Oct. 25, 2011, CDC issued an updated hepatitis A vaccine VIS. It includes recommendations for families and other close contacts of newly arriving adopted children and information about post-exposure prophylaxis. It's available at www.immunize.org/vis/hepatitis-a.pdf.

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New and updated VISs

The use of most Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) is mandated by federal law. Listed below are the dates of the most current VISs. Check your stock of VISs against this list. If you have outdated VISs, print current ones from IAC's website at www.immunize.org/vis. You'll find VISs in more than 30 languages.

DTaP/DT/DTP....	5/17/07	MMRV	5/21/10
Hepatitis A	10/25/11	PCV	4/16/10
Hepatitis B	7/18/07	PPSV	10/6/09
Hib	12/16/98	Polio	11/8/11
HPV (Cervarix)....	5/3/11	Rabies	10/6/09
HPV (Gardasil)....	5/3/11	Rotavirus	12/6/10
Influenza (LAIV)...	7/26/11	Shingles	10/6/09
Influenza (TIV) ...	7/26/11	Td/Tdap	1/24/12
Japan. enceph. ...	12/7/11	Typhoid	5/19/04
Meningococcal.10/14/11		Varicella	3/13/08
MMR	3/13/08	Yellow fever	3/30/11

Multi-vaccine VIS9/18/08
(for 6 vaccines given to infants/children:
DTaP, IPV, Hib, HepB, PCV, RV)

