Make Sure Your Patients Are Protected from Meningococcal Disease Caused by Serogroups A, C, W, or Y

Meningococcal Vaccine Recommendations by Age and Risk Factor for Serogroups A, C, W, or Y Protection

This one-page chart describes which MenACWY vaccine is needed by age group or risk factor.


STANDING ORDERS FOR Administering Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine to Children and Teens

Purpose
To reduce morbidity and mortality from meningococcal disease caused by serotypes A, C, W, or Y by vaccinating all children and teens who meet the criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Policy
Were allowed by state law, standing orders enable eligible nurses and other healthcare professionals (e.g., pharmacists) to assess the need for and vaccinate children and teens who meet any of the criteria below.

Procedure
1. Assess children and teens for need of vaccination against meningococcal disease according to the following criteria:

   Routine meningococcal ACWY vaccination
   - Age 11–12 years and not previously vaccinated
   - Age 16 through 18 years and not previously vaccinated

   Risk-based meningococcal ACWY vaccination
   - Age 2 months and older with diagnosis of persistent complement component deficiency (an immune system disorder) or diagnosis of anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle-cell disease); children who are part of an outbreak attributable to a vaccine serogroup, or anticipated travel to a country where meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic (e.g., the “meningitis belt” of sub-Saharan Africa), particularly if contact with the local population will be prolonged

2. Screen for contraindications and precautions

   Contraindications: a history of serious allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of meningococcal vaccine or to a meningococcal vaccine component. For information on vaccine components, refer to the manufacturer’s package insert (www.immunize.org/packageinserts) or go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/AppendixB/esp-prevent-table-2.pdf.

   Precautions: moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever

3. Provide Vaccine Information Statements

   Provide all patients (or, in the case of a minor, their parent or legal representative) with a copy of the most current federal Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) available at www.immunize.org/vs. You must document in the patient’s medical record or office log, the publication date of the VIS and the date it was given to the patient (parent/legal representative). Provide non-English speaking patients a copy of the VIS in their native language, if it is available and desired; these can be found at www.immunize.org/vs.

4. Prepare to Administer Vaccine

   Choose the needle gauge, needle length, and injection site according to the following chart:

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