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MCV4: You're Not Done If You Give Just One. Give 2 MCV4 Doses to Strengthen Protection.

New initiative reminds clinicians to give dose #2 at age 16

According to the recently released Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2014 National Immunization Survey-Teen, most teens are inadequately protected from meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) disease.¹ CDC recommends that a child receive one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) at age 11 or 12 years, followed by a second (or booster) vaccination at age 16, as the protection provided by the first dose often wanes within five years. The CDC survey indicates that only 28% of teens by age 17 years had received the second dose to boost their protection against this devastating illness at a time in life when they are at heightened risk for meningococcal disease.

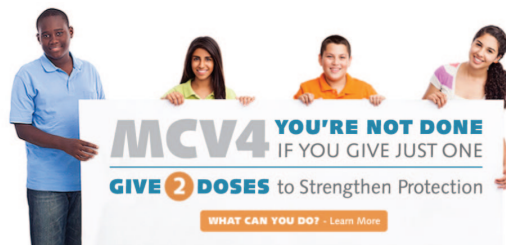
In response to these extremely low immunization rates for MCV4 booster doses, the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC), in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur, has launched a new initiative at www.Give2MCV4.org. The core of this campaign is a collection of free downloadable resources to assist your practice in addressing this MCV4 booster dose gap.

Be sure to visit the initiative's website, www.Give2MCV4.org, where you will find the following print resources for health care professionals (HCPs):

Fact sheet – MCV4: You're Not Done If You Give Just One; Give 2 Doses to Strengthen Protection at www.give2mcv4.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Give-2-Doses-to-Strengthen-Protection.pdf

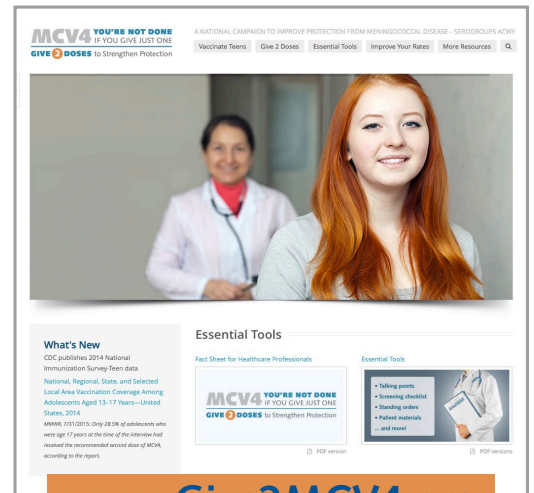
Talking points for HCPs – Recommending MCV4: What to Say and How to Say It: www.give2mcv4.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Toolkit-Recommending-MCV4.pdf

Overview of vaccine recommendations for adolescents – Vaccinate Adolescents: Think 1–2–3!:



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www.give2mcv4.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Toolkit-Vaccinate-Adolescents.pdf

Suggestions to improve immunization rates – Top 10 Ways to Improve Adolescent Immunization Rates: www.give2mcv4.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Toolkit-Top-10-Ways.pdf

Access full collection of MCV4 resources – View entire MCV4 Toolkit: www.give2mcv4.org/essential-tools/view-all-tools/

In addition, the [Give2MCV4.org](http://www.Give2MCV4.org) website offers a series of videos for HCPs, as well as handouts you can share with your patients and their parents. Check back often, as more tools will be posted in coming months.

Don't let one of your adolescent patients be inadequately protected. Remember – *You're not done if you give just one!*

1 National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years – United States, 2014. MMWR, 2015; 64(29):784–792 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6429a3.htm).