

Immunization as Prevention

Strategies to Improve Adult Immunization Rates

PATIENT RESOURCES



Vaccinations for Adults

You're **NEVER** too old to get immunized!

Getting immunized is a lifelong, life-protecting job. Don't leave your healthcare provider's office without making sure you've had all the vaccinations you need.

www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4030.pdf

- One-page handout of vaccination recommendations for adult patients
- Published by the Immunization Action Coalition

Screening Questionnaire for Adult Immunization

For patients: The following questions will help us determine which vaccines you may be given today. If you answer "yes" to any question, it does not necessarily mean you should not be vaccinated. It just means additional questions must be asked. If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4065.pdf (English)
www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4065-01.pdf (Spanish)

- 2-page screening questionnaire to assess potentially indicated vaccines
- To be completed in the practice setting

Evaluating Information on the Web

"Are you confused by the amount of information on immunizations on the Internet? Concerned about the rumors linking vaccines and diseases like diabetes and autism? Below are some tips to help you navigate your way through all of the information available and determine its accuracy."

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/evalwebs.htm

- A patient resource to evaluate the accuracy and quality of information online

LATEST RECOMMENDATION UPDATES



- Most recent information from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
- Full list of recommendations available at http://www.immunize.org/acip/aciptopic_adult.asp

- Hepatitis B www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5516.pdf
- Meningococcal Disease www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6003.pdf
- Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6001.pdf
- Herpes Zoster www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5705.pdf
- Influenza www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6033.pdf
- Pneumococcal disease www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm5934.pdf

PROVIDER RESOURCES



www.immunize.org/vis/vis_ppsv.asp

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) are information sheets produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that explain the benefits and risks of a vaccine. Federal law requires that VISs be handed out whenever certain vaccinations are given.

Recommended adult immunization schedule, by vaccine and age group

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www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/adult-schedule.htm

A simple handout that presents recommended vaccines for each age group in an easy-to-reference format

Standing Orders for Administering Vaccines

www.immunize.org/standing-orders/

Sample vaccine standing orders for Varicella, DTaP, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV, Influenza, MMR, Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, Poliovirus, Rotavirus, and Herpes Zoster vaccines

Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions in Adult Patients

All vaccines have the potential to cause an adverse reaction. In order to minimize adverse reactions, patients should be carefully screened for precautions and contraindications before vaccine is administered. Even with careful screening, reactions may occur. These reactions can vary from trivial and inconvenient (e.g., soreness, itching) to severe and life threatening (e.g., anaphylaxis). If reactions occur, staff should be prepared with procedures for their management. The table below describes procedures to follow if various reactions occur.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3082.pdf>

A reference for adverse vaccine reactions that outlines reaction type, symptoms, management, and emergency medical protocol

Suggestions to Improve Your Immunization Services



Following are several ideas that healthcare professionals and practices can use to improve their efficiency in administering vaccines and increase their immunization rates. Read each idea and check the response that applies to your work setting.

- Yes = We already practice this.
- No = We don't like this idea, or it couldn't work in our practice setting.
- Partly = We do some of this (or do it sometimes); we will consider it.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2045.pdf>

A questionnaire to assess current immunization services and office practices; provides ideas to improve immunization rates



Skills Checklist for Immunization

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p7010.pdf>

A self-assessment tool for health care professionals who administer vaccinations; clarifies responsibilities and expectations of each staff member

Checklist for Safe Vaccine Storage and Handling

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3035.pdf>

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