

months and FluMist are being shipped to providers as they become available. Contact Susan Kocen regarding VFC flu vaccine needs. Details on MedImmune's replacement program to exchange short-dated FluMist can be found at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

CDC Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) Update

CDC has posted additional information about the potential risk of febrile seizures when inactivated influenza vaccine and PCV13 are administered simultaneously. This information may be useful in explaining this risk to parents who read the brief note about it on the Inactivated Influenza vaccine VIS. It can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Concerns/FebrileSeizures.html>.

Changes to the Vaccine Order Form

CDC has developed a new system for processing vaccine orders called VTrckS. Early in 2012 VTrckS will require a complete inventory by NDC number with each order. The Vaccine Order Form has been updated to include current NDC numbers along with additional space for older NDCs. Another change includes a space for public providers to order IPV, MMR, and Td for their adult population. Public providers must keep adult doses separated from pediatric stock. The order form can be found at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

VAERS Reporting

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is a national vaccine safety surveillance program. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) of 1986 requires health professionals and vaccine manufacturers to report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) specific adverse events that occur after the administration of routinely recommended vaccines. Health Departments are reminded to report through VDH/DOI. <http://vaers.hhs.gov/about/index>

Boostrix

On July 8, FDA approved Boostrix to prevent tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis in people age 65 years and older. To read the FDA press release, go to: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm262390.htm>

Meningococcal VFC Resolution Change

The July resolution is to 1) update the eligible groups for meningococcal vaccination to include children aged 9-23 months of age at increased risk of meningococcal disease,

Flu Update

Orders for injectable flu vaccine for ages three and up have been filled. Preservative-free, injectable vaccine for 6-35

2) to update the intervals for booster doses, and 3) add information about the meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine. VFC resolutions can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/acip-vfc-resolutions.htm>

PCV13

CDC and AAP have recommended that children 15 months to 5 years of age who have had a full schedule of vaccinations with pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) should now get a dose of Prevnar 13. This catch-up dose helps protect against six more strains including the most common one threatening young children today. Research patient files and modify your practice's standing immunization schedule to include this catch-up dose.

Rotateq

In addition to the 10 pack, a new 25 pack of Rotateq (NDC # 00006-4047-20) will be available. It has been added to the order form, and will soon be ready for distribution by McKesson.

Gold Star Awards

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Practice of Sameera Nasser Rentia, Falls Church

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Blackstone Family Practice, Blackstone
Child Help, Lignum
Health & Wellness Center of Louisa, Louisa
Manassas Pediatrics, LTD, Manassas
Piedmont Pediatrics, Warrenton
Practice of Dr. Adawadkar, Woodbridge
Practice of Dr. Algeier, Charlotte Court House
Practice of Dr. De La Cruz, Portsmouth
Practice of Dr. Rentia, Falls Church
Practice of Dr. Sapra, Norton
RMH Family Medicine, Harrisonburg

Immunization Champion

Tidewater Physicians Multispecialty Group (TPMG) – West Point Family Practice is awarded Immunization Champion for prolonged compliance excellence. Staff awareness of their Emergency Response Plan served them well during Irene's visit in August! The practice strives to make continuous improvements and recently installed an alarm on their storage unit. Measures to prevent loss are wise as vaccine costs increase each year. <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/vfc/champion.htm>

Hurricane Heroes

We would like to extend a special thank you to our providers who went above and beyond the call of duty during Hurricane Irene. Your efforts to protect VVFC vaccine during power outages prevented loss of precious inventory. Bravo!

