

VFC Vaccine Returns

When returning vaccine for excise tax credit, do NOT include the

following items, as they are hazardous:

- Syringes that you filled yourself but did not use. (Pre-filling is never advised)
- Any used syringes with or without needles attached.
- Broken vials.
- Any multidose vial from which some doses have already been withdrawn.

Report these doses to VVFC so that your inventory can be adjusted. A revised return form is available on the VFC website.

Holiday Shipments

Plan your November and December vaccine orders with the holidays in mind. Please notify the VFC program if your practice is expecting a vaccine order, and will be closed Monday, November 23rd. Please do NOT order vaccine after December 4th if you plan to be closed any days other than December 22nd through 25th. Place your order after January 4th.

Pneumococcal Vaccine

A new Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV13) replacing Prevnar (PCV7) will be available early in 2010. Monitor your inventory of Prevnar (PCV7) to minimize waste.

HPV

The November 2009 Vaccine Resolution for HPV has been posted to CDC's website. The new resolution adds bivalent HPV vaccine, Cervarix, to the previous HPV VFC resolution, and allows permissive use of the quadrivalent HPV vaccine, Gardasil, for VFC-eligible males, 9 through 18 years of age. Quadrivalent HPV vaccine, Gardasil, may be administered to male and female VFC-eligible patients. Since the resolution dictates only permissive use, males should not be targeted for catch-up

vaccination. For more details go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/1009hvpv-508.pdf>

HPV coverage rates will continue to be assessed for only females. The VVFC order form will be updated to include Cervarix as soon as it becomes available through the VFC program.

Vaccine Shortages

Providers are reminded to order Hep B and all Hib-containing vaccines each month. Orders will be reviewed for appropriateness.

Seasonal Flu Update

MedImmune's FluMist Replacement Program for the 2009-2010 season will begin in December. Additional information will be sent to VFC FluMist providers in the coming weeks. The VVFC program has more seasonal flu in the pipe-line. If you need more seasonal influenza vaccine for your VVFC-eligible patients contact Ms. Kocen 804-864-8079. Seasonal Flu vaccine comes in weekly allocations. We will do our best to honor your request when the vaccine becomes available.

H1N1 Flu Update

The Department of Health (VDH) has shipped over 1 million doses of novel H1N1 influenza vaccine. H1N1 Flu vaccine should not be returned to McKesson. There is no excise tax credit for novel H1N1 vaccine.

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