

Summer Physical Exams

Summertime check ups are a perfect opportunity to vaccinate preteens and teenagers. Be

sure the following CDC-recommended preteen vaccines and catch-up vaccines are not missed for this difficult-to-reach age group: preteen Tdap, MCV, HPV, and catch up on Varicella, HepA, HepB. For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/>

Did You Know

VVFC consultants conduct two types of immunization assessments: **Childhood Assessment Series:** 4DTaP, 3Polio, 1MMR, 3Hib, 3HepB, 1Varicella (4:3:1:3:3:1) AND 4:3:1:3:3:1:4(PCV) for age range 24-35 months by age 24 months; and **Adolescent Assessment Antigens:** 3HepB; 2MMR; 1Td/Tdap; 2Varicella; 1MCV; 3HPV for age range 13-18 yrs by date of assessment. For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/afix/default.htm>

Hib and Hep B Shortage

The VVFC program continues to monitor providers' vaccine orders to allow only a one month supply each month of Hib and Hep B vaccine. Providers are encouraged to use Pentacel whenever appropriate during the Hib shortage. Providers using Pentacel vaccine to protect infants against Hib disease need to have an adequate supply of monovalent hepatitis B vaccine available to ensure timely hepatitis B vaccination and to avoid excess doses of other antigens such as DTaP. For more information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/downloads/eo-hib-hepb-cov.pdf>

ACIP Reinstates 4th dose Hib

CDC, in consultation with ACIP, AAFP, and AAP, has reinstated the booster dose of Hib vaccine for children aged 12-15 months who have completed the primary 3-dose series. Infants should continue to receive the primary Hib vaccine series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months. Children aged 12-15 months should receive the booster dose on time. Older children for whom the booster dose was deferred should receive their Hib booster dose at the next routinely scheduled visit or medical encounter. Although supply is sufficient to reinstate the booster

dose and begin catch-up vaccination, supply is not yet ample enough to support a mass notification process to contact all children with deferred Hib booster doses. For more information refer to MMWR June 26, 2009 / 58(24);673-674.

Distributing VISs to Mobile Devices

The Provider Responsibilities Section of the online "Fact Sheet for Vaccine Information Statements" now has information regarding new options for distributing VISs. Please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/vis-facts.htm>

Thank You

CDC is working with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop recommendations for monitoring and maintaining the Vaccine Cold Chain. Virginia was selected to help gather information on storage units and thermometers currently in use. VVFC thanks the following sites for welcoming the NIST staff: Alexandria Health Department, The Practice of Dr. Carlos Cruz, Van Dorn Pediatrics, Children's Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders, Bailey's Health Center, and The Practice of Dr. Ejtemae

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