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National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) will be held this year April 18–25. NIIW is an annual

observance to promote the benefits of childhood immunizations and improve the health of children age two years and younger. Visit the NIIW website to find promotional and educational materials to help you plan your NIIW activities, and tailor them to the needs of your community.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html>

VIS Dates (New Hib, Td, Tdap VISs)

As required under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (42 U.S.C. §300aa-26), all health care providers shall, prior to administration of each dose of vaccine, provide its corresponding VIS. Healthcare providers shall make a notation in each patient's permanent medical record at the time vaccine information materials are provided, indicating: 1.the edition date of the VIS distributed, and 2.the date the VIS was provided.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2027.pdf>

DTaP (5/17/07)
Hepatitis A (10/25/11)
Hepatitis B (2/2/12)
Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type b) (**4/2/15**)
HPV - Cervarix (5/3/11)
HPV - Gardasil (5/17/13)
Influenza - (8/19/14)
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) (4/20/12)
Measles/Mumps/Rubella & Varicella (MMRV) (5/21/10)
Meningococcal (10/14/2011)
Multi-vaccine (10/22/14)
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13) (2/27/13)
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) (10/06/09)
Polio (11/08/11)
Rotavirus (8/26/13)
Shingles (Herpes Zoster) (10/06/09)
Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) (**2/24/15**)
Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) (**2/24/15**)
Varicella (Chickenpox) (3/13/08)

Print the VIS you need from <http://www.immunize.org/vis>

Flu

Although the deadline to pre-book influenza vaccine has passed, it's not too late to reserve doses. As part of your signed VFC contract, you are required to provide all ACIP recommended vaccines, which includes influenza. Flu confirmation letters will be mailed to providers by June 30th. Report unused doses to the VFC office after expiration, and a mailing label will be sent to your office for their return to McKesson.

Adolescent Immunizations

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that preteens get Tdap, MCV4, and the first HPV vaccine dose during a single visit.

Providers are reminded that both Tdap products, Adacel and Boostrix, have the same age indication of 10 years. ACIP recommends that adolescents who receive the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine at age 13 through 15 years receive a one-time booster dose at age 16 through 18 years. CDC has resources for healthcare professionals including tools for your practice and handouts to give to patients and parents. Click on the link below for teen resources for healthcare professionals:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/for-hcp/hpv-resources.html>

IAC Promotes *The Vaccine Handbook*

The Vaccine Handbook: A Practical Guide for Clinicians ("The Purple Book," 2015, 560 pages) is a uniquely comprehensive source of practical, up-to-date information for vaccine providers and educators. Its author, Gary S. Marshall, MD, has drawn together the latest vaccine science and guidance into a concise, user-friendly, practical resource for the private office, public health clinic, academic medical center, and hospital. The newly released fifth edition of this invaluable guide is now available on IAC's website at www.immunize.org/vaccine-handbook

Gold Star Awards

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Carilion Clinic Family Medicine, Rocky Mount
Carilion Clinic Family Practice, Roanoke
Children's Choice of the NRV, Dublin
Children's Health, Fredericksburg
Dinwiddie Medical Center, Dinwiddie
Healthworks for Northern VA, Lansdowne
Lewis Gale Physicians, Christiansburg
Newport News Behavioral Health Center, Newport News
Practice of Nora D. Jose, Alexandria
Sacoto Pediatrics, Arlington
Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap



Process Improvement

Carilion Family Medicine in Dayton has been enrolled with the VFC program since 2009. The practice has stand-alone vaccine storage units, data loggers, and back-up thermometers. The thermometers have certificates that are current, issued by an ILAC MRA-accredited laboratory, meeting CDC's requirements.

Carilion Pediatric Medicine in Roanoke has been enrolled with the VFC program since 2001. The staff employs excellent vaccine storage and handling practices. Their alarm system has a feature that allows them to download temperature data. The practice has implemented monthly meetings with all staff in which they pick one immunization topic on which to be trained. Staff believe that the information is retained better when one topic is presented each month, rather than covering many topics over a long continuum. The trainings are documented.