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

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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.

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