
Q & A Session



Frequently Asked Question

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 7:37 AM
To: Admin
Subject: Flu shot dosing

I inadvertently gave a child over 3 yrs age a 0.25 dose Flu shot
He has received flu shot yearly
Should I give him a second 0.25 dose or a 0.5 dose of Flu vaccine for this season

Depends on timing

[REDACTED] M.D.

Influenza dosage error



CDC Guidance on Influenza Vaccine Dosage Errors

- A person age 36 months or older is given a 0.25 mL dose of influenza vaccine
 - if the error is discovered on the same day the error occurred give the other “half” of the dose
 - if the error is discovered the next day or later give a full 0.5 mL repeat dose
- If a child younger than 36 months is given a 0.5 mL dose the dose can be counted as valid



www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/vaxadmin.htm



Frequently Asked Question

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 5:43 PM
To: Admin
Subject: expired vaccine

Thank you for taking the time to answer this question. My office gave an expired (from 6/2016) vaccine to a patient today. A trumemba; does this need to be repeated?

Thank you

[REDACTED] MD

Yes

Expired vaccine



Vaccine Administration Errors

Expired Vaccine

- Expired vaccine should never be administered
- Any dose of expired vaccine given to a patient – even 1 day expired- should be repeated
 - inactivated vaccine – repeat immediately
 - live vaccine – repeat in 4 weeks



www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Admin
Subject: MenB Question

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a pharmacist who offers vaccinations. I have a patient requesting her 2nd dose of Serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine. The patient is asplenic, and vaccination with meningococcal Group B is recommended for this population. The manufacturer says Bexsero is indicated for patients 10-25 years old, but my patient is 77 years old. Is this vaccine recommended for this patient?

Thank you for your time,
[REDACTED]

Yes



ACIP Recommendations for Meningococcal B Vaccine of High Risk Persons

- **All people 10 years of age or older* who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease should routinely receive MenB vaccine**
 - persistent complement component deficiency
 - anatomic or functional asplenia
 - risk in a serogroup B meningococcal disease outbreak
 - certain microbiologists

*off-label for persons 26 years and older. *MMWR* 2015;64:608-12



Frequently Asked Question

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Admin
Subject:

Can pediarix be combined with hiberix using the pediarix as the diluent?

Absolutely not

Ad hoc combination vaccine



Combination Vaccines and FDA Licensure

Only combination vaccines licensed by FDA should be used (55). Vaccination providers should not combine separate vaccines into the same syringe to administer together unless mixing is indicated for the patient's age and is explicitly specified on the FDA-approved product label inserts. Only 2 combination vaccines, (DTaP-IPV/Hib vaccine, marketed as Pentacel, and Hib-MenCY, marketed as MenHibrix) contain separate antigen components for which FDA approves mixing by the user. The safety, immunogenicity, and effectiveness of unlicensed combinations are unknown.

Interchangeability of Formulations

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generally indicates that a combination vaccine may be used interchangeably with monovalent formulations and other combination products with similar component

From: Rue, Dara A. [DaraR@health.ok.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 2:24 PM
To: Admin
Subject: 2 dose recommendation for HPV

Series is complete

Good afternoon-

I have received a question from one of the providers I serve, following the new ACIP recommendations for the 2 dose series of HPV immunizations.

The clinics question is, "If they are under 15 and have received a HPV4 and a HPV9 (with appropriate intervals), does that complete their series, or does it have to be 2 HPV9 vaccines?"



HPV 2-dose



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Admin
Subject: HPV question

Yes

Quick question for you. We saw the guideline change of HPV9 being a 2 shot (rather than 3 shot) series for 9 - 14. We noted that there was mention that these shots needed to be ≥ 6 months apart. If we have a kid who has had 2 shots already, but they were 1 - 2 months apart as in the old recommendations, rather than the 6+ months apart, do they still need a third immunization?

Many thanks,
[REDACTED] MD



HPV 2 dose



2-Dose HPV Guidance

- **If the first dose of HPV vaccine is administered before 15 year of age**
 - 2 doses of any combination of HPV vaccines separated by at least 5 months can be counted
- **If the 2 doses are separated by less than 5 months-even if given before 15 years of age-then a 3-dose schedule should be used**



MMWR 2016;65(No.49):1405-8.



Frequently Asked Question

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Admin
Subject: TDAP

Hello,

Can you tell me the recommendation for TDAP in pediatric and women's services nursing. Is it required every 3 or 5 years for those nurses?

No

Tdap revaccination



Tdap Revaccination

- **ACIP recommends Tdap revaccination only for pregnant women**
- **A routine booster dose of tetanus and diphtheria toxoid is recommended every 10 years throughout life**
- **It is acceptable to use Tdap for the decennial booster dose if Td is not available***



MMWR 2013;62(No.7):131-135

*www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html



Frequently Asked Question

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Admin
Subject: Zoster Vaccine

Not true

Hi,

We have been getting calls from parents about the Zoster Vaccine. The parents are stating that when the grandparents are receiving this vaccine at their Primary Care doctors are telling them not be around their grandchildren for at least two months. We were wondering if this is true.



Transmission of zoster vaccine virus



Transmission of Varicella Vaccine Virus

- **Varicella vaccine virus is rarely, if ever, transmitted from the vaccinee to a contact**
 - possible exception is if the vaccinee develops a post-vaccination rash
- **Infants and young children should be immune from maternal antibody or varicella vaccination**
- **Persons who receive zoster vaccine can have contact with children, pregnant women and immunosuppressed persons**



MMWR 2008;57(RR-5):1-29

