



Immunization Timely Tips

Michigan Department of Community Health, November 2011

ACIP approves HPV vaccine for 11-12 year old males

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently voted to recommend that all 11-12 year old males get vaccinated against HPV. The HPV vaccine will afford protection against certain HPV-related conditions and cancers in males, and vaccination of males with HPV may also provide indirect protection of women by reducing transmission of HPV. The [press briefing transcript is posted online](#).

[ACIP recommends HBV vaccination for adults with diabetes](#)

Infectious Disease News, October 25, 2011

In a 12-2 vote, ACIP members voted to recommend hepatitis B vaccination for adults with diabetes who are younger than 60 years, and that the vaccine may be administered to unvaccinated adults with diabetes who are at least 60 years of age. The recommendation was prompted by the number of outbreaks of hepatitis B virus infection in settings that provide diabetics with assisted blood glucose monitoring.

[New polio and hepatitis A VIS](#)

The polio and hepatitis A Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) were both recently updated. Providers should begin using the new VIS immediately. Although the revised polio VIS has not been changed significantly, some of the wording has been improved to make it easier to understand. This revision is part of a move to update all VIS.

The hepatitis A VIS was also revised. Note that the format has changed slightly. Major changes include the description of who should get vaccinated - "all children between their first and second birthdays and children and adolescents 2 through 18 years of age who live in states or communities" ... and "members of households planning to adopt a child, or care for a child from a country where hepatitis A is common" are listed. Unvaccinated people who have been exposed to hepatitis A virus and anyone who wants protection from hepatitis A are listed as other people who might get hepatitis A vaccine in certain situations.

The updated VIS are posted at www.michigan.gov/immunize. The [Important VIS Facts handout](#) has also been updated.

In Michigan, it is important that vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives be given the Michigan versions of VIS because they include information about the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). By state law in Michigan, parents must be informed about MCIR. Vaccine Information Statements that are obtained from other sources (e.g., from the CDC or IAC websites) do not contain information about MCIR.

Upcoming Net Conference, December 1

The next [Current Issues in Immunization Net Conference](#) will be held on December 1 from noon to 1 p.m. ET. Joseph Bresee, MD, FAAP, and others from CDC will give presentations on influenza and HPV vaccination and National Influenza Vaccination Week.

This is a limited registration event. Registration will close on November 29th or when the course is full.

What's New?

- CDC released the [October issue of the Immunization Works newsletter](#).
- [Immunization of Health-Care Personnel Recommendations](#) published 11/27/11

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) Dec. 4-10

[NIVW](#), a national observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as fostering greater use of flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond, is scheduled for December 4-10. If you are planning an event, be sure to submit it to CDC. A [CDC Influenza Awareness Campaign Media Relations Toolkit](#) was published last week for the event.

Regional immunization conferences a success

More than 1,700 health care professionals attended the statewide regional immunization conferences held in October and November. The conferences were held in multiple cities across the state. The [speakers' handouts](#) are posted online.

Continuing education was available to nurses, physicians and pharmacists. Nurses who attended the entire conference and completed the sign-in and evaluation will be awarded 5.5 contact hours. Certificates for the contact hours will be emailed these individuals by December 16. Certificates for CMEs will be mailed to physicians by December 16. Pharmacists who attended the entire conference and completed the required paperwork will receive PCE credit. Statements of Credit will be sent by the MDCH Division of Immunization four to six weeks after the final conference date.

Planning for the 2012 conferences is underway. Suggestions may be emailed to Rosemary Franklin at franklinr@michigan.gov.

National Immunization Conference Online

Abstracts are now being accepted online for the 1st National Immunization Conference Online (NICO). Find out more about the [virtual conference](#) which will take place March 26–28, 2012.

[MDCH monthly flu posters](#) are now available in Spanish!

[Childhood Immunization: When Physicians and Parents Disagree](#)

Abstract

Persistent fears about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, and whether immunization programs are still needed, have led a significant minority of parents to refuse vaccination. Are parents within their rights when refusing to consent to vaccination? How ought physicians respond? Focusing on routine childhood immunization, this study considers the ethical, legal, and clinical issues raised by 3 aspects of parental vaccine refusal: (1) physician counseling; (2) parental decision-making; and (3) continuing the physician-patient relationship despite disagreement. The researchers also suggest initiatives that could increase confidence in immunization programs. (Joan Gilmour, LLB, JSD, Christine Harrison, MA, PhD, Leyla Asadi, MD, Michael H. Cohen, JDA, MBA, and Sunita Vohra, MD, MSc, Pediatrics Vol. 128 No. Supplement 4 November 1, 2011; pp. S167-S174.)

Tdap vaccination is important in OB/GYN settings

MDCH Acting Chief Medical Executive Dean Sienko, MD, MS, distributed a [letter to Michigan obstetricians and gynecologists](#) on October 11 about the importance of Tdap vaccination in OB/GYN settings. The letter is an update to the February 2011 letter and includes updated ACIP recommendations to give Tdap vaccine during pregnancy. MDCH has created a [many immunization education materials](#) to be used in OBGYN settings.

Flu vaccine effectiveness

On October 25, 2011, the [Lancet Infectious Diseases published a paper](#) by the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), "Efficacy and Effectiveness of Influenza Vaccines: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis." This article:

- concludes and reaffirms the fact that influenza vaccine protects the majority of those who receive it. However, the study highlights the limitations of published studies on efficacy and effectiveness of influenza vaccines.
- highlights the need for a new generation of more highly effective and cross-protective vaccines that can be manufactured rapidly.

Please keep in mind even though these data identify gaps in influenza vaccine efficacy and effectiveness, the single best way to reduce risk of influenza infection and its complications today remains vaccination.

Stay up-to-date with:

MDCH: www.michigan.gov/flu

CDC: www.cdc.gov/flu

HHS: www.flu.gov

New IAC newsletters released

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) has released its November issue of [Needle Tips](#), for healthcare professionals who administer vaccines. Also available is [Vaccinate Adults](#), a shortened version of *Needle Tips*, modified for those who work only with adult patients. Both are now available for downloading, printing, and reading.

Here are links directly to the PDFs of the publications: [Needle Tips](#) and [Vaccinate Adults](#).

2011 AIM Outstanding Achievement Awards

The AIM Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes individuals, community groups, or corporations whose work has demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: 1) consistently contributed to raising and improving immunizations; 2) provided outstanding and recognizable improvement in the immunization process; or 3) promoted the cause of immunizations by involving providers and communities in immunization programming. During the fall 2011 conferences, the MDCH Division of Immunization recognized the winners of the [2011 AIM Outstanding Achievement Awards](#). Marilyn Sarkesian, MSN, CPNP, Hamtramck School Based Health Center, won under the category of Individual Winner. Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies received the award for Organizational Winner. Thanks to all who submitted nominations.

AIM website redesign offers improved look and functionality

The Alliance for Immunization in Michigan (AIM) Toolkit website has a new look! Quick links to the most popular AIM pieces are now featured on the Home Page, such as vaccine administration records, Quick Look handouts, injectable vaccine administration tables, and many more. An [informational video](#) is available to walk you through the various sections of the AIM Toolkit website. Check out the [website walk-through training video](#), along with the new and improved www.aimtoolkit.org website today!

[CDC develops new educational pieces for health care providers and parents](#)

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CDC has developed a new series of fact sheets about vaccine testing, safety, monitoring, and the process for establishing the U.S. immunization schedule. These materials are intended to help health care professionals keep up to date on vaccine topics; they may also be distributed to parents who want in-depth information on these topics after talking to their child's doctor.

CDC also offers a [series of fact sheets for parents about 14 vaccine-preventable diseases](#) (VPDs) and the vaccines that can prevent them. These fact sheets describe symptoms of infection as well as benefits and risks of vaccination. There are two versions of each sheet. The *Disease Basics* sheets include an overview of each VPD and vaccine information. The *In-Depth Information* sheets use a narrative style; some include a true story about a family affected by a VPD.

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Michigan's Immunization Timely Tips (MITT)

MITT is posted at www.michigan.gov/immunize under the Provider Information section.