

Tips for Immunizing Pre-Teens and Adolescents



1 Recommend vaccines!

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Your professional recommendation matters to patients and has a positive impact on their decision to receive vaccines.

Use reminders, such as chart notes, stickers and flags, to prompt you to recommend vaccines to your patients and their parents.

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2 Reduce financial barriers

Participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program which offers low or no cost vaccines to eligible children birth through 18 years of age. Find out more at www.michigan.gov/vfc.

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3 Use standing orders

Templates for standing orders are available from the Immunization Action Coalition (www.immunize.org) and the AIM Toolkit (www.aimtoolkit.org).

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4 Provide multiple vaccines in a single visit

Simultaneous administration of needed vaccines is recommended; use separate sites.

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5 Do not miss an opportunity to administer vaccines

Assess immunization status and vaccinate at every visit – well, sick, sports, and camp physicals.

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6 Use reminder and recall tools to get patients into the office

The Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) can help create lists and reminder notices. Contact the regional MCIR office for more information or www.mcir.org

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7 Assess your vaccination efforts and provide feedback to those who can affect change

Without periodic assessment, you can't know how you are doing. MCIR can help determine the adolescent immunization rates in your office.