

Immunizations and Review

CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS (C&TC) FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

C&TC Requirements

General

Immunization status must be reviewed at every C&TC visit and the current recommended [Immunization Schedules \(www.cdc.gov\)](http://www.cdc.gov) of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) should be followed.

This includes:

- Providing all currently recommended vaccines (or documenting the reason(s) recommended vaccines are not provided).
- Adhering to best practice standards and recommendations for administering and documenting vaccines.
- Screening patients to recognize contraindications and precautions.

Children and young adults receiving care through C&TC must be given vaccines through the [Minnesota Vaccine for Children \(MnVFC\) Program \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us). MnVFC provides vaccines to clinics at no cost for administration to children and adolescents under age 19 who are uninsured, or enrolled in Medicaid, or who identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Documentation

Clinicians must document that they assessed a patient's immunization status. They also must document immunizations given and if immunizations were due but not given, document reason(s) why. A plan for catch-up vaccines should also be documented. Prior to giving an immunization, federal law requires providing the most current [vaccine information statement \(VIS\)](#). Document that a VIS was given by recording the VIS publication date and the date it was given.

When assessing a patient's immunization status, only written or electronic documentation should be accepted as the evidence of previous vaccination

(seasonal influenza vaccine is an exception). The [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection \(MIIC\) \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us) stores electronic immunization records for Minnesota residents and is helpful tool for assessing a patient's immunization status.

For documentation examples, refer to the [C&TC Documentation Forms for Providers and Clinics \(www.dhs.state.mn.us\)](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us).

Administration

Specific vaccine administration guidelines can be found on the [MDH Vaccine Administration website \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us).

Providers should give information to help parents anticipate and manage potential mild side effects, including fever, pain, or localized swelling or redness.

The ACIP no longer recommends that providers give prophylactic antipyretics (for example, acetaminophen or ibuprofen) before or at the time of vaccination. Medications may be given for fever or pain after vaccination, if needed.

Vaccines are developed with the highest standards of safety. However, as with any medical procedure, vaccination has some risks. Significant adverse events, even if there is no known causal relationship to vaccination, must be reported to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\) \(www.vaers.hhs.gov/index\)](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov/index).

Addressing Vaccine Concerns

There are a growing number of parents expressing vaccine hesitancy; however, it is important to note that the majority of parents continue to vaccinate their children (Opel, et al., 2013). While assuring parents that vaccines are safe and effective, it is still important to discuss concerns parents have. It is helpful to direct parents to reliable resources, and to adopt

conversation frameworks that help effectively address parent concerns. [Talking about Vaccination: Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations \(www.cdc.gov\)](#).

Professional Recommendations

American Academy of Pediatrics

The AAP reports it is essential that children receive all recommended vaccinations as promptly as possible to protect both the health of the individual and the wider community (Committee on Infectious Diseases, 2015).

Resources for Providers

American Academy of Pediatrics

- [Redbook Online \(www.aap.org\)](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [Immunization Information for Healthcare Providers/Professionals \(www.cdc.gov\)](#).

Minnesota Department of Human Services

- [MHCP Provider Manual: Immunization & Vaccinations \(www.dhs.state.mn.us\)](#).

Minnesota Department of Health

- [Child and Teen Checkups \(C&TC\) \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](#).
- [Reliable Sources of Immunization Information \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](#)
- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](#)

Resources for Parents

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [For Parents: Vaccines for Your Children \(www.cdc.gov\)](#)

Minnesota Department of Health

- [Immunization Basics \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](#)
- [Minnesota Parents: Immunization Stories \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](#)

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For More Information

The Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) program is administered through a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health.

For questions about this fact sheet, or to obtain this information in a different format, call 651-201-3760 email health.childteencheckups@state.mn.us.

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