

Reliable Sources of Immunization Information

Where parents and providers can go to find answers!



Web Sites

National Network for Immunization Information (NNii)

www.nnii.org

Provides current, science-based, extensively reviewed information to health professionals, the media, policy makers, and the public. This site notes that it receives no funding from pharmaceutical companies.

Immunization Action Coalition

www.immunize.org and

www.vaccineinformation.org

These sites offer educational pieces for parents and health professionals including many resources on vaccine safety concerns.

Every Child by Two

www.ecbt.org

www.vaccinateyourbaby.org

These two sites contain education materials and information about vaccines, including vaccine safety, research and science, and other topics to help clinicians and parents.

Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

www.vaccine.chop.edu

Provides facts about each childhood vaccine as well as how vaccines are made, how and why vaccines work, who recommends them, and more. This site notes that it receives no funding from pharmaceutical companies.

Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) National Center for Immunization

www.cdc.gov/vaccines

Provides immunization information about vaccine-preventable diseases, the benefits of immunization, and the risk of immunization versus the risk of disease, as well as educational materials and resources.

American Academy of Pediatrics Immunization Initiatives

www.cispimmunize.org

Provides comprehensive immunization information for parents and health professionals.

National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO)

www.hhs.gov/nvpo

Presents information about childhood, adolescent, and adult immunization policy, including publications and reports on vaccine-preventable diseases, vaccine safety, and vaccine coverage.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Immunization Program

www.health.state.mn.us/immunize

Provides information on child, adolescent, adult immunization schedules, policy, laws, and the diseases vaccines prevent. For specific information on vaccine safety, click on the vaccine safety link in the left column.



Phone Numbers

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Immunization Information Hotline

A toll-free number for consumers and health professionals who have questions about vaccine-preventable diseases and immunizations.

1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)

(Note: This line is for English and Spanish)

TTY: 1-800-232-6348

Minnesota Department of Health Immunization Program

A toll-free number for health care professionals and consumers who have Minnesota-specific immunization questions.

1-800-657-3970 or 651-201-5503.



Publications

Clear Answers & Smart Advice About Your Baby's Shots

By Ari Brown, MD, FAAP. This 6-page publication is available for download at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf.

Do Vaccines Cause That? A Guide for Evaluating Vaccine Safety Concerns

By Martin G. Meyers, MD, and Diego Pineda. IAPH Press. To purchase this book, visit your local bookstore or go to www.dovaccinescausetthat.com.

Plain Talk About Childhood Immunizations

An easy-to-read online immunization booklet for parents, available in English and Spanish from Seattle and King Co. Public Health, WA. Download at www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/immunization/plaintalk.aspx or call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.

Vaccines: What You Should Know

By Paul Offit, MD, and Louis Bell, MD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, IDG Books. To purchase this book, visit your local bookstore or call John Wiley & Sons, Inc. at 877-762-2974 or visit www.wiley.com and search by title or author.

Parent's Guide to Childhood Immunizations

A 68-page booklet from CDC's National Immunization Program. Available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/parents-guide/default.htm. Call 800-232-4636 for a hard copy or complete the online order form at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/default.htm.

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs)

These fact sheets, produced by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) explain the benefits and risks of vaccines to vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives. Federal law requires that VISs be handed out before certain vaccine doses are given. The VISs are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm or from your health care provider. Also available in many foreign languages at www.immunize.org/vis/index.htm.

Vaccine Safety for Parents

A flyer from CDC's National Immunization Program available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/flyers-brochures.htm#vacsafe. This flyer gives easy-to-understand explanations of common vaccine safety concerns.



Videos

Vaccines: Separating Fact from Fear Vaccines and Your Baby

Produced by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. These videos provide answers to parents questions about vaccines. Also available in Spanish. View online at www.chop.edu/consumer/jsp/division/generic.jsp?id=77288 or order a copy by calling 215-590-9990 or visiting https://www.chop.edu/vaccine/vec/vec_order.cfm.

Adapted from the Immunization Action Coalition's web site. If you require this document in another format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape, please call the Minnesota Department of Health at 800-657-3970 (toll-free) or 651-201-5503 (metro area).