

# Reliable Sources of Immunization Information

## Where parents and providers can go to find answers



### Web Sites

#### **Vaccines.gov**

#### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

[www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)

Consumer-focused immunization website providing easy-to-understand health information to help make informed decisions about immunizations. The content is managed by HHS, but the site is done in collaboration with other government agencies such as CDC and FDA.

#### **Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

[www.vaccine.chop.edu](http://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.

#### **National Network for Immunization Information (NNii)**

[www.nnii.org](http://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.

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

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://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.cisimmunize.org](http://www.cisimmunize.org)

Provides comprehensive immunization information for parents and health professionals.

#### **Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Immunization Program**

[www.health.state.mn.us/immunize](http://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.

#### **Immunization Action Coalition**

[www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org) and

[www.vaccineinformation.org](http://www.vaccineinformation.org)

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



### 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](http://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. I4PH Press. To purchase this book, visit your local bookstore or go to [www.dovaccinescausetthat.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.immunize.org/vis).

## Vaccine Safety for Parents

A flyer from CDC's National Immunization Program available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/flyers-brochures.htm#vacsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/flyers-brochures.htm#vacsafe).

This flyer gives easy-to-understand explanations of common vaccine safety concerns.



## 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.



## 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/service/vaccine-education-center/order-educational-materials/#viewable-resources](http://www.chop.edu/service/vaccine-education-center/order-educational-materials/#viewable-resources) or order a copy by calling 215-590-9990 or visiting [https://www.chop.edu/vaccine/vec/vec\\_order.cfm](https://www.chop.edu/vaccine/vec/vec_order.cfm).

### Vaccine-Preventable Disease – Family Stories

This website contains short videos about families who were affected by vaccine-preventable diseases, produced by the non-profit organization Pkids. View online at [www.pkids.org/im\\_videos.php](http://www.pkids.org/im_videos.php).

### Vaccine-Preventable Disease Videos

This website contains a variety of short videos about vaccine-preventable disease.

[www.vaccineinformation.org/video/index.asp](http://www.vaccineinformation.org/video/index.asp)