

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meeting updates

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) made the following recommendations during their June 2019 meeting. The recommendations will become official once they are published. We will update you when each recommendation is published.

- **HPV:** ACIP recommended HPV vaccination catch-up of all persons through age 26 years. Additionally, they recommend that certain individuals age 27-45 years may receive HPV vaccination as determined by shared clinical decision making.
- **Hepatitis A:** ACIP recommends hepatitis A catch-up for all children and adolescents age 2 through 18 years. HIV is added as an indication for hepatitis A vaccination for persons 1 year and older.
- **Pneumococcal:** ACIP recommends PCV13 based on shared clinical decision making for adults 65 years or older who do not have an immunocompromising condition and who have not previously received PCV13. All adults 65 years or older should receive a dose of PPSV23.
- **Meningococcal B:** ACIP recommends a MenB booster dose 1 year following series completion among those with increased risk. ACIP also recommends booster doses every 2-3 years for duration of the person's risk.

New recommendation term: *Shared clinical decision*

Shared clinical decisions are those that are discussed between the health care provider and the patient to determine whether vaccination is indicated.

Promote immunizations in August

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). We need your help to spread the word about the importance of immunizations throughout the month. Here are some ideas for how you can participate:

- Follow MDH on social media to like, share, and retweet our messages about immunizations in August and beyond.
- Use resources from CDC's National Immunization Awareness Month website (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html). The site includes updated images, sample social media messages, template newsletter content, and more.
- Check immunization records for every patient at every visit, especially during back-to-school time. The Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) (www.health.state.mn.us/miic) can help with this!

MIIC tip: Delete old lists

MIIC's lists feature is a great way to track immunization histories and immunizations due for a group of clients, but keeping old lists can bog down the system. Make sure to delete lists you don't plan to use again to help keep MIIC running smoothly. To delete a list:

1. Select "manage list" from MIIC's left-side navigation bar.
2. Select the red "X" next to your list's name.

Please contact the MIIC Help Desk at health.miichelp@state.mn.us with any questions.

Help protect pregnant women from flu!

Pregnant women are at increased risk for complications of flu. Make sure your patients are protected this season by encouraging Ob-Gyn providers in your practice to participate in a Maintenance of Certification professional development opportunity to improve flu vaccination coverage among pregnant women in Minnesota.

We will support participating Ob-Gyns to:

- Choose and implement two recommended quality improvement strategies focused on improving flu vaccination coverage among your pregnant patients.
- Use MIIC to establish baseline vaccination rates and track changes throughout the season.

Ob-Gyns should complete the registration (<https://survey.vovici.com/se/56206EE32D0623EF>) by Aug. 16, 2019, to participate in this Maintenance of Certification program. Nurses in Ob-Gyn care settings can also sign up and receive continuing education credit for some components. Contact health.imm.moc4@state.mn.us with any questions.

Call for nominations: HPV Vaccination Champion Award

Nominate a clinician, clinic, practice, group, or health system for the HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention Champion Award! This national award is presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Cancer Society (ACS), and Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI). Nominees need to have HPV vaccination completion rates of 60% or higher for their 13 to 15 year-old patients. Each state will select a champion. They will be announced in the fall and will be recognized locally and nationally. More information and the nomination form can be found on CDC HPV Vaccination Award (www.cdc.gov/hpv/champions/award-criteria.html). Submit nominations to MDH at health.wevaxteens@state.mn.us by 5 p.m. on Aug. 16, 2019.

Report adverse events to VAERS

Health care providers are required to report any and all events that require medical attention after vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) (<https://vaers.hhs.gov/index>). Report regardless of whether it is related to vaccination.

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