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VTreckS Coming 2011

During 2011, the CDC Vaccine Tracking System (VTreckS), an internet based application, will be integrated with the Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS). The resulting integration will enhance PA VFC Provider's ability to more efficiently order and manage their VFC and publicly-funded vaccines. On December 13, 2010, VTreckS was implemented across five state pilot grantees (Washington State, Michigan, California, Colorado and Chicago) to be utilized by their respective health care providers.

By late summer 2011, the PA VFC program will finalize enhancements to the PA-SIIS registry interface in preparation for VTreckS integration. The on-line registry interface will allow all Pennsylvania VFC provider sites that routinely order state-supplied vaccine to order their vaccines online through the registry interface. The PA VFC Operations Unit will review and then approve the orders within VTreckS and transmit those orders directly to McKesson for processing.

All current PA VFC requirements for vaccine ordering, including reporting of inventories and vaccine usage and submission of temperature logs, will remain in place under this new system. Providers without Internet access or not registered in PA-SIIS will continue to submit vaccine orders through the Pediatric Vaccine Order & Accountability Form. The goal is to have the majority of PA VFC provider sites ordering their VFC supplied vaccines through the PA-SIIS registry interface by the fall of 2011.

Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System

One way to increase immunization rates in the United States is through physician participation in state and regional immunization registries. Managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS) is a statewide immunization registry that collects vaccination history information. Immunization Information Systems, or IIS, are confidential, computerized information systems that collect child vaccination information. PA-SIIS provides PA VFC provider staff with online access to immunization records, and assists office staff in rapidly accessing a patient's immunization status as well as enabling your staff to produce a myriad of reports. PA-SIIS can also help you easily find immunizations for children new to your practice, as well as, provide official copies of immunization records.

For more information visit the PA-SIIS webpage and view a demonstration video of PA-SIIS at <http://www.PA-SIIS>



2009 National Immunization Survey (NIS) Teen



Pennsylvania vaccination coverage among adolescents 13 to 17-years, ranks at the top of nearly every adolescent Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccination coverage measured in the 2009 National Immunization Survey (NIS) Teen. Pennsylvania adolescents fair better when compared to national adolescent vaccination coverage for ≥ 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella (93.5% versus 89.1%) and protection from ≥ 3 doses of hepatitis B (95.2% verses 89.9%). The greatest differences were observed when comparing PA adolescent with national adolescent coverage of ≥ 2 dose of varicella (67.4% verses 48.6%) and with ≥ 1 dose meningococcal conjugate (71.9% verses 53.6%).

Since 2006, CDC has conducted the NIS-Teen to estimate vaccination coverage among adolescents aged 13 to 17 years. This report summarizes results from 2009 NIS-Teen and updates data from 2008 NIS-Teen. **For complete information on this topic, access the following link: : <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/>**

Estimated vaccination coverage among adolescents aged 13–17 years, - National Immunization Survey–Teen, United

State/Area	Vaccine doses routinely recommended during				Vaccine doses routinely recommended for			
	(adolescent catch-up vaccines)							
	≥ 2 MMR	≥ 3 HepB	≥ 1 VAR	≥ 2 VAR	≥ 1 Td or Tdap	≥ 1 Tdap	≥ 1 MCV4	≥ 1 HPV4
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Pennsylvania	93.5	95.2	97.2	67.4	84.7	67.9	71.9	53.2
Philadelphia Cty	88.4	89.1	93	66.4	81.9	65.2	75.3	58.2
Rest of state	94.3	96.1	97.9	67.6	85.1	68.3	71.4	52.4
United States	89.1	89.9	87	48.6	76.2	55.6	53.6	44.3

During 2009, the ACIP recommended that adolescents routinely receive the following vaccines: meningococcal conjugate (MCV4), 1 dose); tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap, 1 dose); and (for females) human papillomavirus (HPV, 3 doses). Adolescents also should receive the following recommended vaccinations they missed during childhood: measles, mumps, rubella (MMR, 2 doses); hepatitis B (HepB, 3 doses); and varicella (VAR, 2 doses).

Note: currently human papillomavirus (HPV, 3 doses) is recommended for both males and females.

Free Influenza Resources

The CDC has free resources available to help educate patients and raise awareness about the importance of flu vaccination. Visit the flu resource webpage at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/> to see what's new for this flu season. New resources include flyers and posters ready for office or color printing promoting the new universal vaccinations, print resources targeting at-risk groups (such as those with asthma or diabetes) and new public service announcements. It's one-stop shopping for up-to-date flu information for you and your patients!



Updated Vaccine Label for Rotarix®



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on September 22, 2010, that it was adding information to the vaccine label for one of the two rotavirus vaccines available in the United States, Rotarix®, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline. The information states that preliminary findings from a large study conducted in Mexico suggest that the vaccine may cause intussusceptions (a type of bowel blockage). If the risk for U.S. infants is similar to that found in the Mexico study, it would translate to 0 to 4 cases of intussusception from vaccine per 100,000 U.S. infants who receive the first dose of Rotarix.

Given that the information available suggests a small risk of intussusception caused by Rotarix and that the benefits of rotavirus vaccination are great, CDC continues to recommend Rotarix to prevent rotavirus disease, the most common cause of severe diarrhea among children. CDC also continues to recommend RotaTeq® to prevent rotavirus disease. Either vaccine may be used to protect infants and children from rotavirus disease. For additional information please visit the **information for parents webpage** at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/rotavirus/Vac-label-parents.htm> or for **health care professionals webpage** at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/rotavirus/Vac-label-HCP.htm>.

New 2011 PA VFC Provider Handbook Arriving Soon!

The new 2011 PA VFC Provider Handbook will be mailed to PA VFC provider offices during the month of December 2010. It is the responsibility of all VFC Coordinators and designated back-up persons to familiarize themselves with the PA VFC Provider Handbook. The PA VFC Provider Handbook is a tool that communicates PA VFC requirements efficiently and effectively and helps to ensure that office procedures comply with State and Federal laws. Once the new PA VFC Provider Handbook arrives, ensure that your VFC Coordinator retrieves the PA VFC Provider binder and replaces the handbook information with the new 2011 handbook insert. Once the PA VFC Provider binder is updated, please remember to discard the old handbook information.

The Provider Handbook is a comprehensive guide which outlines the procedures and requirements for participation in the Pennsylvania VFC program. It also contains all forms and documents needed to participate in the program. Significant revisions were made to Section 4-Vaccine Management and Accountability and Section 5-Quality Assurance (QA) to better align with current program requirements.

The PA VFC Handbook is an excellent training and reference resource for you and your staff and can be accessed by going to the PA VFC webpage at www.health.state.pa.us/vfchandbook.

National Diabetes Awareness Month

November was National Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14th was World Diabetes Day. People with diabetes are at high risk of serious flu-related complications, since the flu can increase their risk of very high or low blood sugar. While everyone should get a flu vaccination, it is especially important for diabetics and other high risk persons. Flu activity in the United States is low now, making this an excellent time to get vaccinated.



Up and Coming Immunization Events



National Immunization Conference

Date: March 28-31, 2011

Location: Hilton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC

The goal of the conference is to provide information that will help participants provide comprehensive immunization coverage for all age groups and explore innovative strategies for developing programs, policy and research to promote immunization coverage for all age groups. During the three and a half day conference, plenary sessions, workshops and many topics will be discussed. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/>

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) Annual Meeting

Date: April 1-4, 2011

Location: Hilton Anatole Hotel, Dallas, TX

The Annual Scientific Meeting of SHEA is the junction of current research, evidence and cutting-edge advances in health care epidemiology and infection prevention. A forum for the health care professionals involved in prevention of health care-associated infections and other adverse events, SHEA 2011 is built around providing depth of understanding, application of evidence and opportunity for new insight in the science of infection prevention. <http://www.shea2011.com/>

14th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research

Date: May 16-18, 2011

Location: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD

<http://www.nfid.org/conferences/>

Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC) Meeting

Date: January 12, 2011

Location: Doylestown, PA

Attend the upcoming PAIC meeting on January 12th at the Hepatitis B Foundation in Doylestown. Please RSVP by December 29th if you are planning to attend. <http://paizcoalition.eventbrite.com/>

Save the Date for the 17th Annual Pennsylvania Immunization Conference

The 17th Annual Pennsylvania Immunization Conference (PIC) will be held Thursday, June 30, 2011, at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center Hotel in Lancaster, PA. This year's conference will be organized by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), Division of Immunizations and the Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC). The conference brings immunization partners together to share information and discuss current issues for the purpose of improving immunization rates in Pennsylvania.

This year's conference topics include a discussion of current immunization issues and trends as well as up-to-date information on immunizations across the lifespan. Donna Weaver, RN, MN, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will deliver the Keynote Address. Conference details and registration information coming soon!

Registration fee is \$30. **Access link below for Save the Date flyer for more details.** Spread the word about the conference to immunization providers and partners in your communities.

<http://immunizepa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=21b9205fe9158834ccb782815&id=42a1bdda47&e=049b5426e9>



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