
The General Recommendations on Immunization

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The General Recommendations Working Group

- Publishes an MMWR 3-5 year intervals
- Addresses immunization issues relevant to all vaccines
- Addresses topics ad hoc that cannot be attributed to a single vaccine
 - Shares this task with other working groups, e.g. combination vaccines

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General Recommendations Proposed Contents (2009)

- **Introduction**
- **Timing and spacing of immunobiologics**
- **Contraindications and precautions**
- **Preventing adverse reactions**
- **Managing adverse reactions**
- **Reporting adverse events after vaccination**
- **The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program**
- **Vaccine administration**
- **Storage and handling of immunobiologics**
- **Altered immunocompetence**
- **Special situations**
- **Vaccination records**
- **Vaccination programs**
- **Vaccine information sources**

General Recommendations on Immunization

- Directed to providers who are administering many different vaccines every day
- Providers come from variable backgrounds (i.e. physicians, nurse-practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, medical assistants)
- Text accompanied by tables (for quick reference)

General Recommendations - Revision

Goal: next iteration 2009

Why: content is continually changing

New vaccines/recommendations

Retirement – ACIP statements

Approach:

- 1. Update content and references**
- 2. Add new information**
- 3. Harmonize with AAP Red Book**
- 4. Incorporate retired or soon-to-be retired ACIP statements**

Incorporate ACIP Statements

Adolescent immunization	1996
Adult immunization	1991
Assessment and feedback	1996
Immunocompromised	1993
Vaccination and WIC	1996
Vaccine side effects, adverse reactions, contraindications and precautions	1996
Combination vaccines (?)	1999

General Recommendations – Revision

- **Method**
 - Determine content changes
 - Discuss among working group
 - Monthly teleconferences
 - Ad-hoc meetings at Atlanta/ACIP meeting
 - Writing has begun

General Recommendations - Timeline

- Provide updates to ACIP at next two meetings
- February 2009 final presentation to ACIP
- Clearance
- Publication – December 2009

General Recommendations - Revision

- **Content changes**
 - **Incorporate stand-alone ACIP MMWRs dealing with general recommendations**
 - **Clarification on prevention of adverse reactions**
 - **Injury from syncope**
 - **Updates to appropriate sections**

General Recommendations – Revision - Content

- **Adolescent vaccination**
 - Highlight vaccine-specific recommendations
 - 11-12 year old immunization visit
 - Reconstructing unknown vaccination record
 - Clarify the concept of “catch-up” vaccination
- **Adult vaccination**
 - Highlight vaccine-specific recommendations
 - The unknown vaccination record (military personnel)

General Recommendations – Revision - Content

- Preventing adverse reactions
 - Highlight prevention of injury (AAP language, pending MMWR, Epi-Vac DVD/Web Archive)
- Section updates
 - Timing and spacing (Table 1 – incorporate new vaccine-specific MMWR content)
 - Contraindications/precautions

Discussion Point

- Present incremental sections to ACIP (Adolescent, Adult, Preventing Adverse Reactions, Vaccine Administration....) at next two meetings.
- Final draft at February 2009 meeting