



# FAST FACTS

*A message for health care providers*



## August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Use this month to promote back to school immunizations and to remind everyone that the influenza season is only a few months away. It's a great reminder to our nation that people of all ages require timely immunization to protect their health.

### Primary Changes and Updates

#### Influenza Vaccines

- 2013-14 U.S. trivalent influenza vaccines will contain an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus, an H3N2 virus antigenically like the cell-propagated prototype virus A/Victoria/361/2011, and a B/Massachusetts/2/2012-like virus.
- Quadrivalent vaccines will include an additional vaccine virus, a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.
- Several new, recently-licensed vaccines will be available for the 2013-14 season, and are acceptable alternatives to other licensed vaccines indicated for their respective age groups when otherwise appropriate.
- A small change has been made to Section 3 of the Inactivated Influenza vaccine VIS, to the bullet regarding allergies, noting the availability of an egg-free formulation. The original language was not incorrect, and providers who have already printed copies of that VIS do NOT need to discard them. The edition date of the VIS (July 26, 2013) has not changed. Providers should make severely egg-allergic patients aware that an egg-free influenza vaccine is available for persons 18 years and older.
- For more info about Influenza vaccines go to <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/2013-summary-recommendations.htm#primary-changes>

#### Tdap/TD Vaccine

- A new VIS for Tdap, incorporating updated recommendations for pregnant women, is now available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.html>. The existing Td/Tdap VIS should continue to be used for patients receiving Td, until an updated Td VIS is available.

#### Gardasil

- The pregnancy registry for Gardasil has been terminated by the manufacturer. Consequently, the reference to the registry has been removed from Section 4 of the Gardasil VIS. This is the only change. Stocks of the previous VIS may still be used as long as patients are made aware that the registry no longer exists. The updated Gardasil VIS has an edition date of 5/17/13. The updated VIS can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/hpv-gardasil.html>.

#### PCV13

- CDC released an updated Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13) VIS with an edition date of 2/27/13. The update primarily added information for adults receiving the vaccine. (3/1/13). The updated VIS can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/pcv13.html>.

#### Other New Info:

- 2D barcodes, which can be used to scan the VIS name and edition date into an electronic medical record, have been added to all VISs. VISs printed before these barcodes were added may still be used. See <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/barcodes.html> for more information.
- Soon, all VISs will be re-released in a slightly modified format. They will have a consistent look, and consistent language for the sections common to all VISs.
- Beginning in 2013, each new or updated VIS will be accompanied with a "Provider Information" document.