



FAST FACTS

A message for health care providers



Adolescent Vaccines

2009 National Immunization Survey-Teen (NIS-Teen) Results

- 57% of 13-17 year olds received Tdap
- 54% of 13-17 year olds received meningococcal vaccine
- 44% of 13-17 year old females received ≥ 1 HPV vaccine dose; 27% received all 3 doses

Things you can do to increase adolescent immunization rates in your practice

- **Strongly** recommend adolescent vaccines to parents of your 11-18 year old patients. **Parents trust your opinion more than anyone else for immunizations.** The *strongest* predictor of vaccination is **provider recommendation.**
- Every visit can be an opportunity to vaccinate your adolescent patients. **Ask about vaccination when adolescents present for sick visits, follow up visits and sports physicals.**
- **Program electronic medical records to post a reminder for any visit** where a teen is eligible for vaccinations; Patient reminder & recall systems (postcards, phone and text messages) are effective tools for increasing office visits.
- **Utilize NYSIIS** to capture ALL immunizations given to children under 19 years of age in your practice
- **Educate parents about vaccine preventable diseases.** Parents may not have the facts about pertussis, meningococcal disease or HPV.
- **Implement policies** so patients can receive vaccines without a physician examination or individual physician order.
- For other tips go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/hcp-factsheet.pdf>.

Overview of Adolescent Vaccination Recommendations

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine support the following recommendations:

- All 11 - 12 year olds should receive a Tdap vaccine if completed the childhood DTP/DTaP vaccination series and have not received Tdap. (See http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_per.asp for new 2011 recommendations, including **no minimum interval between Td and Tdap**)
- All 11 - 12 year olds should receive a meningococcal vaccine, with a **booster** dose at age 16 years.
- All 11 - 12 year old females should receive 3 doses of HPV vaccine; may also vaccinate 11 - 12 year old males.
- All adolescents should receive a single dose of influenza vaccine yearly.
- Adolescents 13-18 years of age who have not received the recommended vaccinations should be immunized according to the catch-up immunization schedule.

Resources

- CDC Teen immunizations 800-CDC-INFO <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens>
- Vaccine for Children (VFC) program www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines_for_children.htm
- Immunization schedules www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm
- Vaccine Information Statements www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm
- Vaccine Refusal Form <http://practice.aap.org/content.aspx?aid=2681&nodeID=4035>
- NYSIIS www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/immunization/information_system
- Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) www.vaers.hhs.gov
- Vaccine info for providers www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/providers
- NYSDOH Immunization Program 716-847-4385 www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization
- ECDOH Immunization Program 716-961-6839 www.erie.gov/health/services/immunization.asp