
VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

- Question: An 18-month old healthy child with no record of pneumococcal conjugate vaccination (PCV) should receive which of the following?
- a) 3 doses, 4 weeks apart, followed by a booster 8 weeks after the 3rd dose
 - b) 2 doses, 4 weeks apart
 - c) 1 dose only
 - d) No doses are needed for a child 18 months of age and older
 - e) None of the above are correct

Answer: e) None of the above are correct

All children less than age 60 months without contraindications should receive PCV13 vaccine. A previously unvaccinated healthy 18-month old, who receives their first dose on or after age 1 year needs two doses, at least 8 weeks apart.

For “Catch-Up Guidance for Healthy Children 4 Months through 4 Years of Age: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine,” see Sources below.

Sources:

Catch-Up Guidance for Health Children 4 months through 4 Years of Age (Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/pneumococcal.pdf>

Catch-up immunization schedule for persons aged 4 months–18 years who start late or who are more than 1 month behind, United States, 2020: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

