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Reduce Staff Time – Tips on Completing the New VAVR Forms

The VFC Program staff reviews all completed VFC Vaccine Administration Visit Record forms (VAVR) as they are submitted by providers. To avoid having the new VAVR forms returned to your office, the VFC staff would like to offer the following helpful hints:

- Please discard all unused VAVR forms printed prior to December 2010.
- There is currently an ample supply of new VFC VAVRs; there is no need to photocopy the VAVR. Please review your current inventory of new VAVR forms and call us to request additional copies if you feel you will deplete your supply before placing your next vaccine order.
- If you photocopy the new VAVR, the photocopy **must** be double-sided to include the Hawaii Immunization Registry (HIR) notification language printed on the back of the form.
- Please complete **all** information on the VAVR prior to submission.
- Please be sure to record the vaccine administered on the correct line (e.g., some common errors: hepatitis A vaccine recorded on the hepatitis B line, Pediarix® recorded on the Pentacel® line, etc.).
- When recording a combination vaccine (e.g., Pediarix® or Pentacel®):
 - Complete the appropriate Pentacel® or Pediarix® line on the VAVR
 - Record **only** the single lot number printed on the outside of the vaccine box in the VAVR "lot number" field (e.g., do not complete the separate DTaP, IPV, Hib, or HepB lines with combination vaccine information)
 - Record the VIS dates on the **separate** rows for the individual vaccine components (e.g., DTaP, IPV, and Hib or HepB)

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Talk to the Doc



We inadvertently administered an expired vaccine to a patient. Do we need to repeat the dose?

Yes. If the expired dose was an inactivated vaccine, you should repeat the dose as soon as possible. If the expired dose was a live virus vaccine, you will need to wait at least 4 weeks after the expired dose was administered before repeating the dose.

To avoid similar situations, always check the expiration date **prior** to administering a vaccine. Rotate the stock in your refrigerator or freezer, keeping the nearest expiration dates in the front. Check your vaccine stock on a regular basis and remove expired vaccines from the refrigerator or freezer immediately. ♦

Discontinuation of Tripedia®

In February 2011, notification from sanofi Pasteur was sent to providers announcing the company's intent to discontinue the supply of the following:

- Tripedia® (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed), and
- TriHIBit® (Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine [Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate]-ActHIB reconstituted with Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Vaccine Adsorbed-Tripedia).



The Hawaii VFC Program will continue to approve vaccine orders for Tripedia® until the supply is depleted. We expect that the vaccine supply for Tripedia® should last through April 2011 depending on the demand for this vaccine. Orders for Tripedia® submitted after April 30, 2011 will be filled with Daptacel® (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed).

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact us at 586-8300 (1-800-933-4832, Neighbor Islands). ♦

VAVR Forms (cont'd from page 1)

- Under the VFC eligibility section, if you check "Enrolled in Medicaid or QUEST," please do not check "Does not have health insurance."

If you have any questions regarding completing the new VFC VAVR or require additional forms, please call the Immunization Branch at (808) 586-8300 (Neighbor Islands call toll free 1-800-933-4832). ♦

Have you HIR'd?

Have you heard that the Hawaii Immunization Registry (HIR) notification language is currently printed on the back of the new VFC Vaccine Administration Visit Record (VAVR) form?

The new VAVR forms allow parents/guardians the opportunity to review the HIR notification information.

VFC providers are not required to ask parents/guardians if they would like their child's information to be entered into HIR or if they would like to "opt-out" of participation.

If parents/guardians have any questions regarding HIR, please refer them to the HIR Help Desk at 586-4665 (Oahu) or 1-800 447-1023 (Neighbor Islands) or they may email registryhelp@doh.hawaii.gov.

If you would like to sign-up to be a HIR provider so that you may access your patient's records in HIR, call the HIR Help Desk or send an email to the address noted above. ♦

ACIP-Updated Recommendations for Use of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines

On January 28, 2011, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) updated recommendations for the use of quadrivalent (serogroups A, C, Y, and W-135) meningococcal conjugate vaccines in adolescents and those persons who are at high risk for meningococcal disease. The two new recommendations are:

- 1) **Routine vaccination of adolescents, preferably at 11 or 12 years of age, with a booster dose at 16 years of age.** For adolescents who receive their first dose at 13 through 15 years of age, a one-time booster dose should be administered, preferably at 16 through 18 years of age. Persons who received their first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after 16 years of age do not require a booster dose.
- 2) **A 2-dose primary series administered 2 months apart for adolescents with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, and for persons 2 through 54 years of age with persistent complement component deficiency (e.g., C5-C9, properidin, factor H, or factor D) or functional or anatomic asplenia.**

After licensure of the meningococcal vaccines in 2005, additional data on bactericidal antibody persistence, trends in meningococcal disease epidemiology in the U.S, and vaccine effectiveness have indicated many adolescents might not be protected for more than 5 years. Therefore, the ACIP has added the recommendation for adolescents who were immunized at age 11 or 12 years to receive a second dose at ages 16 through 21 years, when their risk for the disease is greatest.

Additionally, evidence that was found to support the need for a 2-dose primary meningococcal vaccine series for a small number of persons at increased risk for meningococcal disease was reviewed, and the data indicated that immune response could be increased with 2 doses given 2 months apart.

Details regarding these updated meningococcal conjugate vaccine recommendations are available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6003a3.htm?s_cid=mm6003a3_e. ♦

Reminder: TeenVax Project Discontinued

As of December 31, 2010, due to increasing vaccine costs and limited federal funding, the Immunization Branch can no longer continue to supply vaccines through the TeenVax Project.

Any Hepatitis B, MMR, and varicella vaccines administered after 12/31/10 indicating TeenVax for eligibility must be replaced with private stock.

Children from birth through age 18 years who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program (uninsured, Medicaid/QUEST, underinsured, or American Indian/Alaska Native) may continue to receive hepatitis B, MMR, Varicella, and LAIV vaccines through the VFC Program. ♦

2011 Recommended Immunization Schedules

Colored copies of the following were sent to all VFC Providers in March 2011:

- Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 through 6 Years
- Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 7 Through 18 Years
- Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind

If you would like additional copies, please call Cheryl Donahoe at 586-8360. ♦

Stop Flu at School Clinics

For the fifth year, the Department of Health will offer FREE influenza vaccines statewide to students in kindergarten through the eighth grade at participating schools.

- Flu vaccines will be administered by DOH at participating school locations from mid-October through December 2011.
- Both TIV (injectable) and LAIV (nasal spray) vaccines will be offered.
- Student participation is voluntary and parental/guardian consent is required.

In 2010, the Stop Flu at School program successfully vaccinated nearly 69,000 students or 46% of the student population. ♦

“Hawai'i VFC News” is a quarterly publication distributed to all participating VFC providers. Its purpose is to address VFC-related issues, provide general immunization information, and keep you up-to-date with the latest program changes. If you have any suggestions for future newsletter topics, or if you would like to share relevant immunization information with other VFC providers through our newsletter, please contact Mardelle Gustilo at (808) 586-4587 or via e-mail at mardelle.gustilo@doh.hawaii.gov. Neighbor Islands, call toll-free 1-800-933-4832.

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