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"Hawaii VFC News" is a quarterly publication distributed to all participating Vaccines for Children (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.

AFIX/HPV Highlight

Alicia Diem is a new member of the Hawaii VFC team and serves as our AFIX Coordinator. AFIX stands for Assessment, Feedback, Incentives and eXchange and is a program that offers VFC vaccine providers an opportunity to obtain a current snapshot of their vaccination coverage rates and implement strategies to increase immunization rates, including HPV, which are low in Hawaii and across the nation.

Low HPV vaccination rates are leaving another generation of boys and girls vulnerable to devastating HPV cancers. Vaccination could prevent most of these cancers. As a VFC provider in Hawaii, CDC is looking to you to make a strong recommendation for HPV vaccination to your patients and their parents/guardians.

Contact Alicia Diem at 808-587-6565 or 1-800-933-4VFC (toll free) to learn more about the AFIX program. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain immunization assessments and increase childhood immunization rates in your practice.

From 4 to 9

We at the Hawaii VFC program are very excited to offer the 9-valent HPV vaccine (HPV9) to our providers.

Similar to HPV2 and HPV4, HPV9 contains HPV types 16 and 18 which account for approximately 64% of invasive HPV-associated cancers. HPV9 targets five additional types (31, 33, 45, 52, 58), which account for about 15% of cervical cancers.

Transitioning to HPV9: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If a series was started with HPV2 or HPV4, can it be completed with HPV9?

A: Yes. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations state that HPV9 may be used to continue or complete a series started with a different HPV vaccine product.

Q: Are additional HPV9 doses recommended for a person who completed the vaccine series with HPV2 or HPV4?

A: There is no ACIP recommendation for routine additional HPV9 vaccination of persons who previously completed a HPV vaccination series.

Q: I still have a supply of HPV4. What shall I do with it?

A: For providers who have remaining doses of HPV4, we are not recommending wasting these vaccines. Current recommendations are to administer your remaining doses of HPV4 vaccine to males, because females will benefit more from receiving the HPV9 vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published the "Supplemental Information and Guidance for Vaccination Providers Regarding Use of 9-valent HPV Vaccine" and made it available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/9vHPV-guidance.pdf>.

For additional questions regarding the HPV vaccination schedule or transitioning from HPV4 to HPV9 vaccine, contact the Hawaii VFC program at 586-8300 (Oahu), 1-800-933-4832 (Neighbor Islands).



Have You HIR'd?

Have You HIR'd that the Hawaii Immunization Registry can generate HPV vaccination reminder/recall reports for your VFC patients? With a few simple clicks, HIR can generate a list of patients that are due or overdue for HPV vaccination as well as produce customizable reminder/recall letters.

This functionality can be found in the "Reports" menu bar – just look for the "reminder / recall" menu option, select the "HPV" vaccine group, then click on the "generate" button. Other reminder/recall options include the ability to limit the list to specific birth date ranges as well as exclude patients that may have already received a reminder/recall notice recently.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the HIR Help Desk at 586-4665 (Oahu), 1-888-447-1023 (Neighbor Islands) or via email at registryhelp@doh.hawaii.gov.

HIR
Hawaii
Immunization
Registry

Production Region
10.11.0

Patients
manage patient
enter new patient

Immunizations
manage immunizations

Reports
reminder / recall
check reminder status
cocasa extract
check request status
vfc report
group patients
check group status
assessment report
check assessment
benchmark report
check benchmark
manage custom letters
ad hoc list report
ad hoc count report
ad hoc report status
sfas provider report
sfas report status

Inventory
manage inventory
manage transfers
shipping documents
transaction summary
doses administered
record inventory
manage orders

Maintenance
manage schools

Reminder/Recall Request

Indicate the Tracking Schedule ...

Use Tracking Schedule Associated with Each Patient
 Use Tracking Schedule Selected for All Patients

Select the Vaccine Group(s) ...

Use All Vaccine Groups
 Use Vaccine Groups Selected

Adeno Anthrax HPV

Select the School & Primary Care Provider ...

School Provider (PCP)

Enter Additional Demographic Criteria ...

City Zip Code County Island

Enter the Date Criteria ...

Target Date Range From To
Birth Date Range From To
NOTE: If Target Date is blank, today's date will be used.

Weeks Since Last Notice

Exclude patients more than Month(s) Overdue

Exclude from Today's Date Target From Date

Specify How to Sort the Report Data ...

Sort 1st By Last Name Ascending Sort 3rd By
Sort 2nd By First Name Ascending Sort 4th By

Generate Cancel

Click to generate list

Scroll to find HPV vaccine group, then select "Add"

TALK TO THE DOC

What is the recommended schedule for the new HPV9 vaccine?

HPV9 is administered in a 3-dose schedule. The second dose is administered at least 1 to 2 months after the first dose, and the third dose 6 months after the first dose.

If the vaccine schedule is interrupted, the vaccination series does not need to be restarted.

MINIMUM AGE/INTERVALS:

Dose 1: Not before age 9 years

Dose 2: 4 weeks after dose #1

Dose 3: 12 weeks after dose #2 AND 24 weeks after dose #1

Note: The 3rd dose may be considered to be valid if it was separated from the first dose by at least 16 weeks and from the second dose by at least 12 weeks.

Talking with Parents about HPV Vaccine

Straightforward messages work best when discussing HPV vaccine with hesitant parents. Here are a few strategies to try:

1. Recommend the HPV vaccine series the same way you recommend other pre-teen vaccines. By "bundling" the vaccines together in one recommendation, you communicate the importance of receiving all of the age-appropriate vaccines.
2. Explain that HPV vaccination is cancer prevention. Every year, there are about 17,500 women and 9,300 men affected by cancers caused by HPV.
3. Encourage on-time vaccination by letting parents know that HPV vaccine produces a higher immune response in preteens than it does in older teens and young women.

For more strategies that work, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/for-hcp-tipsheet-hpv.pdf>.

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