
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:

A 17 year-old received one dose of DTP when she was two years old. What is recommended to complete her series?

- a) 1 dose of Tdap and one dose of Td
- b) 2 doses of Tdap
- c) 1 dose of Tdap and two doses of Td
- d) 1 dose of Tdap and three doses of Td

Answer:

a) 1 dose of Tdap and one dose of Td

A total of three doses are needed. She has already received one dose of DTP at age 2 years. Adolescents aged 11 – 18 years with incomplete vaccination schedules should receive a single dose of Tdap as part of catch-up vaccination. The remaining dose should be given as Td. To maintain protection against tetanus and diphtheria, a routine Td booster should be given every 10 years thereafter.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/r5503.pdf>, Appendix D

For children aged 7 through 10 years who are not fully vaccinated against pertussis, see the ACP's “Updated Recommendations for Use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine.”

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6001a4.htm>

