

# 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:

Sue, a 19 year-old nursing assistant, comes to your office for a pre-employment physical, as required by the hospital where she will be employed. Sue’s medical history shows that she has diabetes mellitus. She has documentation of receiving one dose of MMR, and a complete childhood series of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, and polio vaccines at the appropriate ages and intervals between doses. Her immunization record indicates she received her last Td when she broke her arm at age 7. She states that she has never had chickenpox.

What vaccine(s), if any, should Sue receive? Select all that apply.

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| a) Hepatitis A                 | g) Hepatitis B |
| b) HPV                         | h) Influenza   |
| c) Meningococcal               | i) MMR         |
| d) Pneumococcal Polysaccharide | j) Td          |
| e) Tdap                        | k) Varicella   |
| f) Zoster                      |                |

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>

Source: 2016 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule

- HPV is recommended for females 13 – 26 years of age who previously have not received the vaccine.
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is recommended for immunocompetent adults 64 years of age or younger with chronic illnesses (including diabetes mellitus) due to the increased risk of pneumococcal disease and its complications.
- Health-care personnel who work in hospitals or ambulatory care settings and have direct patient contact should receive a single dose of Tdap if they have not previously received a dose.
- Hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for persons with occupational risk of exposure to blood or body fluids.
- Health care workers are at increased risk of transmitting influenza to high-risk persons and should receive an annual seasonal influenza vaccine. Flu vaccine can be administered through the expiration date (typically 6/30 for IV).
- A second dose of MMR is recommended for adults who work in healthcare facilities.
- Health-care workers who do not have evidence of immunity to varicella should receive two doses.
- Reminder: Sue, as a 19 year-old, is not eligible for VFC vaccine.

b, d, e, g, h, i, k

Answer:

