
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:

Which one of the following is not considered to be ACIP-approved evidence of immunity to varicella?

- a) Laboratory evidence of immunity
- b) Health-care provider verification of a history of herpes zoster
- c) Self-reported history of varicella disease
- d) Documentation of age-appropriate vaccination with varicella vaccine
- e) Birth in the U.S. before 1980 (except health-care personnel, pregnant women, and immunocompromised persons)

Source: Evidence of immunity to varicella: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/r5604.pdf>

MMWR, Prevention of Varicella, Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), June 22, 2007, p. 16

To limit the number of false-positive reports and ensure immunity, ACIP recommends that evidence of immunity should be either a diagnosis of varicella by a health-care provider or a health-care provider verification of a history of disease rather than parental or self-reporting.

Answer: c) Self-reported history of varicella disease

