

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 of the following regarding Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) is/are true?

- a) The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) requires all health care providers to provide a copy of the relevant VIS prior to vaccine administration to children only; CDC strongly encourages health care providers to use the relevant VIS for adults receiving vaccines
- b) For a multi-dose vaccine series, the appropriate VIS must be given prior to each dose of the series
- c) If new recommendations are available, providers may change the VIS by adding relevant information to it to ensure patients receive up-to-date information
- d) A clinic is not required to provide a VIS to a patient receiving privately purchased PPSV23 vaccine

- 1) a and b
- 2) b and d
- 3) c and d
- 4) b, c, and d
- 5) a, b, c, and d
- 6) d only

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/about/facts-vis.html#law>
<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2027.pdf>
National Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title42/pdf/USCODE-2010-title42-chap6A-subchapXIX-part2-subpartc-sec300aa-26.pdf>

The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (42 U.S.C. §300aa-26) requires all health care providers in the U.S. who administer the following vaccines to any child or adult (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, influenza, pneumococcal conjugate, meningococcal, rotavirus, HPV, or varicella) to provide a copy to keep of the relevant current edition of the VIS prior to administration of each dose of vaccine. Providers may add the name, address, and contact information of their practice to an existing VIS, but may not make any substantive changes. For vaccines that are not covered by the NCVIA (e.g. pneumococcal polysaccharide), CDC encourages healthcare providers to use the VIS, but it is only *required* to be used when the vaccine is purchased under CDC contract.

Answer: 2) b and d

