
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 parent reports that her child has redness and swelling at the vaccination site that began a few hours after the injection.

This is an example of which type of adverse reaction?

- a) Hypersensitivity reaction
- b) Local reaction
- c) Severe allergic reaction
- d) Systemic reaction

Source:

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (The Pink Book), 13th Edition, 2015
Chapter 2: General Recommendations on Immunization, Adverse Reactions Following Vaccination, p. 15
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/genrec.pdf>

Answer:

b) Local reaction

This is an example of a local reaction, which is the most common and least severe type of adverse reaction. Local adverse reactions generally occur within a few hours of the injection and are usually mild and self-limited.

