
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 child born in Nepal on March 7, 2011 received OPV on 5/15/2011 and 10/30/2011. She moved to the United States in April 2015. What does she need to complete her polio vaccination series?

- a) No further polio vaccine doses needed
- b) One dose of IPV now and a final dose of IPV in 4 weeks
- c) One dose of IPV now as the final dose
- d) One dose of OPV now as the final dose
- e) One dose of IPV now and a final dose of IPV in 6 months

Source:

Updated Recommendations of the ACIP Regarding Routine Poliovirus Vaccination, August 7, 2009, p. 829-830. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5830.pdf>

Poliomyelitis Prevention in the United States, Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, May 19, 2000, p. 12-13. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/r4905.pdf>

Answer:

e) One dose of IPV now and a final dose of IPV in 6 months

Children who have initiated the poliovirus vaccination series with one or more doses of OPV should receive IPV to complete the series. Four doses of OPV or IPV in any combination by age 4 – 6 years is considered a complete series, regardless of age at the time of the third dose. The minimum interval from dose 3 to dose 4 should be 6 months.

