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# VACCINE POINTS

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“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 statements regarding Quadracel is/are true? Select all that apply.

- a) Quadracel is indicated for the fourth dose of DTaP vaccine
- b) A 3 year old child with a history of IPV at 2, 4, and 18 months of age may receive Quadracel now as his final dose of IPV, since 6 months have passed since his previous dose
- c) Quadracel is recommended by the ACIP for children younger than age four years if both DTaP and IPV are indicated and no contraindications exists
- d) Quadracel is not currently licensed in the U.S.
- e) All of the above are true
- f) None of the above are true

Answer:

f) None of the above are true

Quadracel is indicated for the **fifth** dose of DTaP in children aged 4 through 6 years who received DTaP-IPV-Hib (Pentacel) and/or DTaP (Daptacel) vaccine as the first 4 doses.

The final dose of the IPV series must be administered at age ≥4 years regardless of the number of previous doses, and with a minimum interval of 6 months from the previous dose. Therefore, a dose of Quadracel vaccine administered before the fourth birthday cannot be counted as a valid final dose of IPV.

Quadracel was licensed on March 24, 2015 for use among children aged 4 through 6 years in the U.S.

Source:

MMWR, License of a Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine and Guidance for Use as a Booster Dose, September 4, 2015.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6434a5.htm>

