

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 vaccines, if any, is/are recommended by the ACIP for administration to a 6 month old child? Select all that apply.

- a) Menactra® (child moving to an area where meningococcal disease is hyperendemic)
- b) Varivax® (sibling diagnosed with chickenpox this morning)
- c) Rotarix® (child received Rotarix® at ages 2 and 4 months)
- d) Hiberix® (child received doses of ActHIB® at aged 2 and 4 months)
- e) All of the above
- f) None of the above

Answer:

d) Hiberix



Menactra® is licensed for administration to children aged 9 months and older.

Varicella vaccine is neither approved nor recommended for children younger than 12 months of age.

Rotarix® is administered in a 2-dose series, with doses administered at ages 2 and 4 months.

Hiberix® was first licensed in 2009 for use as a booster dose in children aged 15 months through 4 years. In January 2016, the FDA approved the expanded use of Hiberix® for a 3-dose infant primary vaccination series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months. All of the licensed Hib-containing vaccines may be used interchangeably.

Sources:

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Immunization Action Coalition Ask the Experts: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_hib.asp