
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:

What does the nomenclature for combination vaccines [dash (-) and the forward slash (/)] represent (e.g. DTaP-IPV/Hib)? Select all that apply.

- a) The dash indicates that the vaccine is conjugated to a protein
- b) The dash indicates that the antigens are mixed together by the manufacturer
- c) The forward slash indicates that the two products are to be reconstituted by the user
- d) The forward slash indicates that the two products may be administered separately
- e) The dash and the forward slash have no specific meaning related to combination vaccines

In descriptions of combination vaccines, dash (-) indicates: products in which the active components, are supplied in their final (combined) form by the manufacturer; slash (/) indicates: products in which active components must be mixed by the user.

Answer:

b and c



Source:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Website

U.S. Vaccine Names

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/terms/USVaccines.html>

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Acronyms for Vaccines

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/committee/guidance/vac-abbrev.html>