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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: In what year did the last case of naturally-acquired smallpox occur?

Answer: 1977

The last case of naturally-acquired smallpox occurred in the Merca District of Somalia on October 26, 1977. The last reported case in the US occurred in 1949. Routine childhood vaccination in the US was discontinued in 1972.

Source: Immunization Action Coalition Vaccine Timeline, <http://www.immunize.org/timeline/>.

