
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.

General Rule: Any vaccination using less than the standard dose should not be counted, and the person should be revaccinated according to age.

1. Name an example of this rule.
2. Name an exception to this general rule (if none, please indicate).

Answer:

Examples of general rule:

- If less than a full recommended dose of a vaccine is administered because of syringe, applicator, or needle leakage, the dose should not be counted and should be repeated
- Giving a pediatric dose of hepatitis A or hepatitis B vaccine to an adult

Exceptions:

- If an infant regurgitates, spits, or vomits during or after receiving oral rotavirus vaccine, count the dose as valid
- If a patient sneezes after receiving the nasal-spray live attenuated influenza vaccine, count the dose as valid

Source:

General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, pg. 92
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/downloads/general-recs.pdf>

Immunization Action Coalition Ask the Expert
<http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/administering-vaccines.aspx#errors>

