
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:

A 16 month old healthy girl without contraindications or precautions is in your office today. She has no documentation of receiving pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. How many doses does she need to complete her PCV series?

- a) One dose today and no additional doses needed
- b) One dose today and a second dose in 4 weeks
- c) One dose today, one dose in 4 weeks and a booster dose 8 weeks following the second dose
- d) One dose today and one dose in 8 weeks
- e) No PCV doses needed

Answer: (d) One dose today and one dose in 8 weeks

All children 2 through 59 months of age should be routinely vaccinated with PCV13.

Unvaccinated children 7 months of age and older do not require a full series of four doses. The number of doses a child needs to complete the series depends on the child's current age and the age at which the first dose of PCV13 was received.

Unvaccinated children aged 12 through 23 months should receive two doses of vaccine, at least 8 weeks apart.

Source: Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, 13th Edition, pgs. 287-288.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/pneumo.pdf>

Catch-Up Guidance for Healthy Children 4 Months through 4 Years of Age, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/pneumococcal.pdf>

