

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 statements is/are true regarding Vaccine Information Statements (VISs)?
Select all that apply.

- a) An acceptable method of providing a VIS to a parent/legal representative is via download to a smartphone.
- b) If a new VIS is published because of a change in a precaution to a vaccine, a provider should use up his/her existing supply of the previous VIS before utilizing the new edition.
- c) The current VIS edition for varicella vaccine is 02/12/18.
- d) All of the above are true
- e) None of the above are true

Facts About VISs: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/about/facts-vis.html>
VIS Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/about/vis-faqs.html>
Dates of Current and Past Vaccine Information Materials: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-dates.html>

Sources:

As a general rule, when changes to a VIS concern the safety of the vaccine (e.g., contraindications, precautions, or adverse events), it is essential that the new edition be used immediately upon publication. The current VIS edition for varicella vaccine is 02/12/18. VISs are updated only when they need to be. For instance, a VIS would be updated if there were a change in AClP recommendations affecting the vaccine's adverse event profile, indications, or contraindications.

- VISs may be reviewed on a computer monitor (or any video display)
- VISs may be downloaded by the recipient to a smartphone or other electronic device

In the past, healthcare providers interpreted federal law as a requirement that a paper copy of each VIS had to be handed to the recipient prior to vaccination. The evolution of electronic media has resulted in broadening of this interpretation. For example:

Answer: a and c

