

Complete Summary

GUIDELINE TITLE

Adult preventive health care: immunizations.

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University of Michigan Health System. Adult preventive health care: immunizations. Ann Arbor (MI): University of Michigan Health System; 2008 Apr. 10 p. [8 references]

GUIDELINE STATUS

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SCOPE

DISEASE/CONDITION(S)

- Diphtheria
- Hepatitis A virus infection
- Hepatitis B virus infection
- Herpes zoster infection
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection
- Influenza
- Meningococcal meningitis
- Measles

- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Pneumococcal pneumonia
- Rubella
- Tetanus
- Varicella virus infection

GUIDELINE CATEGORY

Prevention

CLINICAL SPECIALTY

Allergy and Immunology
 Family Practice
 Geriatrics
 Infectious Diseases
 Internal Medicine
 Obstetrics and Gynecology
 Preventive Medicine

INTENDED USERS

Advanced Practice Nurses
 Nurses
 Physician Assistants
 Physicians
 Public Health Departments

GUIDELINE OBJECTIVE(S)

To implement an evidenced-based strategy for routine adult immunizations

TARGET POPULATION

Adults, 18 years and older

INTERVENTIONS AND PRACTICES CONSIDERED

Adult immunizations, including:

1. Hepatitis B vaccine series (Twinrix for combined hepatitis A & B vaccination)
2. Hepatitis A vaccine series (Twinrix for combined hepatitis A & B vaccination)
3. Herpes zoster vaccine
4. Human papilloma virus vaccine, Quadrivalent
5. Influenza vaccines
 - Inactivated (injectable)
 - Live attenuated (intranasal)
6. Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine
7. Meningococcal vaccine
 - Meningococcal conjugate (Menactra™) for adults <55 years of age

- Meningococcal polysaccharide (Menomune®) for adults >55 years of age
8. Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
 9. Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td/Tdap)
 10. Varicella vaccine series

MAJOR OUTCOMES CONSIDERED

- Rates of vaccine-preventable diseases
- Disease attributable mortality and morbidity
- Adverse effects of vaccines
- Hospitalization for complications

METHODOLOGY

METHODS USED TO COLLECT/SELECT EVIDENCE

Searches of Electronic Databases

DESCRIPTION OF METHODS USED TO COLLECT/SELECT THE EVIDENCE

The literature search for this update began with the results of the literature search performed in developing the initial version of this guideline. That search on Medline was for literature published from 1/1/05 through 5/1/99. It included the major key words of adults, humans, English; and a number of specific search terms related to immunizations (see specific search terms printed in initial University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) guideline published March, 2004). Since that search additional literature searches for the initial guideline and subsequent updates have focused on subsequent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) statements regarding immunizations for adults and the supporting literature presented by ACIP. This guideline is based on ACIP statements through October 2007.

NUMBER OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Not stated

METHODS USED TO ASSESS THE QUALITY AND STRENGTH OF THE EVIDENCE

Weighting According to a Rating Scheme (Scheme Given)

RATING SCHEME FOR THE STRENGTH OF THE EVIDENCE

Levels of evidence reflect the best available literature in support of an intervention or test:

- A. Randomized controlled trials
- B. Controlled trials, no randomization
- C. Observational trials

D. Opinion of expert panel

METHODS USED TO ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE

Review of Published Meta-Analyses
Systematic Review

DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS USED TO ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE

Conclusions were based on prospective randomized clinical trials.

METHODS USED TO FORMULATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Expert Consensus

DESCRIPTION OF METHODS USED TO FORMULATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not stated

RATING SCHEME FOR THE STRENGTH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

COST ANALYSIS

A formal cost analysis was not performed and published cost analyses were not reviewed.

METHOD OF GUIDELINE VALIDATION

Peer Review

DESCRIPTION OF METHOD OF GUIDELINE VALIDATION

The guideline was reviewed at clinical conferences or grand rounds meetings of divisions and departments to which the content is most relevant. This guideline was reviewed at meetings of faculty in Family Medicine and General Medicine. For periodic major updates the UMHS Executive Committee on Clinical Affairs performs a final review prior to institutionally endorsing the guideline. For this interim annual update the guideline was endorsed by the UMHS Guideline Oversight Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Note from the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC): The following key points summarize the content of the guideline. Refer to the original guideline document for additional information.

The levels of evidence [A-D] are defined at the end of the "Major Recommendations" field.

Hepatitis A Vaccine Series

Note: For combined hepatitis A and B vaccination, use Hepatitis A/Hepatitis B Vaccine (Twinrix Adult) three doses at 0, 1, and 6 months or accelerated schedule¹ if indicated.

Two doses at 0 and 6 to 18 months

- Persons with chronic liver disease
- Persons who receive clotting factor concentrates
- Men who have sex with men, illicit drug-users
- Travelers to countries where there is higher or intermediate hepatitis A virus (HAV) endemicity
- Persons with occupational risk who work with HAV-infected primates or HAV in a research lab

Hepatitis B Vaccine Series

Note: For combined hepatitis A and B vaccination, use Hepatitis A/Hepatitis B (Twinrix Adult), three doses at 0, 1 and 6 months or accelerated schedule¹ if indicated.

Three doses at 0, 1, and 6 months (For immunocompromised patients and hemodialysis patients, increase dose to 40 micrograms.)

- Individuals with multiple sex partners
- Men who have sex with men
- End-stage renal disease (ESRD) and hemodialysis patients (early in disease)
- Intravenous (IV) drug users and sexual partners
- Immigrants from and travelers to high risk areas
- Persons with recent sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) (see original guideline document for further details)
- Persons with human immunodeficiency virus(HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency disease syndrome (AIDS)
- Healthcare workers/public safety workers/students exposed to blood
- Clients and staff of institutions for the developmentally disabled and correctional facilities
- Persons seeking protection against hepatitis B virus (HBV)
- Household contacts & sexual partners of persons with chronic HBV infection

No routine booster. Immunity from the vaccine series is currently felt to be lifelong.

¹Accelerated dosing schedule: Hepatitis A/ Hepatitis B Vaccine (Twinrix Adult):

Three doses in 3 weeks (0, 7days, 21-30 days); booster at 12 months. Consider for:

- Emergency first-care responders
- Individuals preparing to travel to high-risk areas on short notice
- Those with risk factors for hepatitis such as HIV and sexually transmitted diseases

Herpes Zoster Vaccine

Note: Live virus vaccine. (This vaccine may not be covered by all payers or all Medicare Part D policies. Patients should confirm coverage.)

One dose

- Adults, age 60 and older, whether or not they report a prior episode of herpes zoster. Persons with chronic medical conditions may be vaccinated, unless a contraindication precaution exists.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine, Quadrivalent

Note: In women of child bearing age, avoid pregnancy for at least 4 weeks after immunization

Three doses at 0, 2, and 6 months

- Females \leq 26 years old who have not received the vaccine or completed the series.

Booster uncertain. Efficacy beyond 5 years is presently unknown.

Influenza Vaccines

Initial dose: Inactivated (injectable)

- Adults >50 years old [B*]
- Persons with chronic illnesses (e.g., cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, metabolic, sickle cell disease, immunosuppression/HIV, disorders increasing risk of aspiration), asplenia
- Residents of long-term care facilities [B*]
- Women who are pregnant
- Health care workers, including home care and long-term care workers [A*]
- Household contacts and out-of-house caregivers of children 0 to 59 months
- Others who can transmit influenza to a high risk population

Initial dose: Live attenuated (intranasal)

- For non-pregnant healthy persons <50 years old in priority populations, live attenuated vaccine may be used as an alternative to inactivated vaccine.

(Non-priority healthy persons <50 years old may receive either vaccine if supply allows.)

Revaccinate annually

- Persons eligible under criteria for initial immunization vaccine

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine (use combined MMR vaccine)

Note: Live virus vaccine

Initial dose

- No evidence of immunity* to measles, to mumps, and/or (if woman of childbearing age) to rubella
- Consider giving initial dose to unvaccinated health-care workers born before 1957 who do not have other evidence of mumps immunity*

Second dose at ≥ 1 month

- Health care workers (for measles, mumps)
- College students (for measles, mumps; first dose may be required before start classes)
- Travelers to foreign countries (for measles, mumps)
- Recently exposed to measles or are in an outbreak setting
- Previously vaccinated with killed measles vaccine, or between 1963 to 1967 with an unknown measles vaccine
- In age group affected during a mumps outbreak

* Evidence of immunity: (a) documentation of MMR vaccination requires 2 doses for measles, 1 dose for rubella or mumps (b) laboratory evidence of immunity, (c) documentation of physician diagnosis or (d) born before 1957 (age exceptions: rubella immunity not assumed for women of child-bearing age who could become pregnant; measles and mumps immunity possibly not assumed for health care workers)

Meningococcal Vaccine (Use meningococcal conjugate [Menactra™] for adults <55 years and meningococcal polysaccharide [Menomune®] for those >55 years)

Initial - one dose

- College freshman living in dormitories
- Persons who have functional or anatomic asplenia and terminal complement component deficiencies
- Travelers to sub-Saharan Africa from Senegal in the west to Ethiopia in the east, especially from December to June
- Microbiologists routinely exposed to isolates of *Neisseria meningitidis*

Revaccinate: once every 3 to 5 years

- The above persons if indications still exist for vaccination and the last vaccination was given with Meningococcal polysaccharide
- No need to revaccinate if previously vaccinated with meningococcal conjugate (Menactra™)

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

Initial dose

- All adults >65 years old [B]

- Residents of nursing home and long-term care facilities
- Persons with chronic illness (e.g., cardiovascular, pulmonary [except asthma - see original guideline document], diabetes, kidney or liver disease, alcoholism, cerebrospinal fluid leak, cochlear implants, sickle cell disease, asplenia and other immunosuppressive conditions, chemotherapy, steroid use - see original guideline document)
- Native Americans and Native Alaskans

Revaccinate once ≥ 5 years after initial dose only for the following high risk patients

- Age: persons age ≥ 65 if initial vaccine was given ≥ 5 years previously at age < 65 [A*].
- Chronic disease: highest risk for pneumococcal infection or rapid decline in antibody (e.g., asplenic, sickle cell disease, transplant recipient, HIV, nephrotic syndrome, chronic renal failure, immunosuppressed)

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Vaccines (Td/Tdap) (primary series assumed)²

Revaccinate every 10 years

- All patients [A*]
- A one-time dose of Tdap should be given to:
 - Postpartum women, close contacts of infants < 12 months old, and health care workers with at least a 2 year interval from previous Td vaccine
 - Adults < 65 years old who have not previously received a dose of Tdap and are due for a tetanus vaccine (for booster or wound management)

Revaccinate in ≥ 5 years

- Patients with wounds (other than clean or minor wounds)

²If primary series not given: 3 doses Td at 0, 4 weeks, and 7 to 12 months.

Varicella Vaccine

Note: Live virus vaccine

Two doses at 0 and ≥ 4 weeks

- All non-pregnant adults without evidence of immunity to varicella³. Give special consideration to those who have close contact with persons at high risk for severe disease (e.g., healthcare workers and family contacts of immunocompromised persons) or are at high risk for exposure or transmission (e.g., teachers of young children; child care workers; college students; residents and staff of institutional settings, including correctional facilities; military personnel; international travelers; and non-pregnant women of childbearing age).

³ Evidence of immunity to varicella: (a) documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine; (b) U.S.-born before 1980 (except for immunocompromised, health-care workers and pregnant women); (c) history of diagnosis of varicella by a health-care provider; (d) history of herpes zoster based on health-care provider diagnosis; or (e) laboratory evidence of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease. (see text for further details)

Definitions:

Levels of Evidence

- A. Randomized controlled trials
- B. Controlled trials, no randomization
- C. Observational trials
- D. Opinion of expert panel

CLINICAL ALGORITHM(S)

None provided

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

TYPE OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The type of supporting evidence is identified and graded for some of the recommendations (see "Major Recommendations").

BENEFITS/HARMS OF IMPLEMENTING THE GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATIONS

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- Effective and timely administration of vaccines
- Decline in prevalence of vaccine-preventable diseases

POTENTIAL HARMS

- No documented cases of congenital rubella syndrome have resulted from rubella vaccination in early pregnancy, but this practice is not recommended.
- The most frequently reported adverse events following herpes zoster vaccination were injection site reactions and rashes.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

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- *Herpes Zoster Vaccine*, Because herpes zoster vaccine is a live attenuated virus the following persons should not get herpes zoster vaccine:
 - Those with a life-threatening allergic reaction to gelatin, the antibiotic neomycin, or any other component of shingles vaccine
 - Those who have a weakened immune system because of: human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immunodeficiency disease

syndrome (AIDS) or another disease that affects the immune system, treatment with drugs that affect the immune system, such as steroids, cancer treatment such as radiation or chemotherapy, a history of cancer affecting the bone marrow or lymphatic system, such as leukemia or lymphoma

- Those with active, untreated tuberculosis
- Women who are pregnant, or might be pregnant. Women should not become pregnant until at least three months after getting herpes zoster vaccine.
- *Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine, Quadrivalent*: Not recommended for use in pregnancy.
- *Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine, Quadrivalent*: People with a history of immediate hypersensitivity to yeast or to any vaccine component should not receive the vaccine.
- *Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine, Quadrivalent*: People with moderate or severe acute illnesses should be deferred from receiving the vaccine until after the illness improves.
- *Influenza vaccine*: Patients with severe egg allergy or previous allergy/anaphylaxis to influenza vaccine should not receive the flu vaccine.
- *Influenza vaccine*: Caution should be taken in those with a previous history of Guillain-Barre syndrome.
- *Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and varicella*: Pregnancy should be avoided for 4 weeks following immunization as this is a live vaccine.
- *Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)*: The combination vaccine should not be used for a patient who has a contraindication to an individual component.
- *Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)*: Do not give immune globulin (IG) products and MMR simultaneously. If unavoidable, give at different sites and revaccinate or test for seroconversion in 3 months. If MMR is given first, do not give IG for 2 weeks. If IG is given first, the interval between IG and measles vaccination depends on the product, the dose, and the indication.
- *Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Td/Tdap)*: Whenever possible Td should be deferred during pregnancy and Tdap substituted in the immediate postpartum period.
- *Varicella Vaccine*: Because varicella is a live virus vaccine, women who are pregnant or may become pregnant within 4 weeks should not be vaccinated.
- *Varicella Vaccine*: Varicella virus vaccine should not be given for at least 5 months after receipt of blood (except washed red blood cells) or plasma transfusions, immune globulin, or varicella zoster immune globulin (VZIG). In addition, IG and VZIG should not be administered for 3 weeks after vaccination unless the benefits exceed those of vaccination.
- *Varicella Vaccine*: Vaccine is contraindicated in:
 - Pregnant women
 - Immunocompromising conditions including HIV with CD4 \leq 200, congenital immunodeficiencies, leukemia, lymphoma; generalized malignancies; cerebrospinal fluid leaks; therapy with alkylating agents, antimetabolites, radiation or high dose (> 20 mgs) longterm corticosteroids

QUALIFYING STATEMENTS

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These guidelines should not be construed as including all proper methods of care or excluding other acceptable methods of care reasonably directed to obtaining the same results. The ultimate judgment regarding any specific clinical procedure or treatment must be made by the physician in light of the circumstances presented by the patient.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINE

DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

An implementation strategy was not provided.

IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

Staff Training/Competency Material

For information about [availability](#), see the "Availability of Companion Documents" and "Patient Resources" fields below.

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE (IOM) NATIONAL HEALTHCARE QUALITY REPORT CATEGORIES

IOM CARE NEED

Staying Healthy

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness
Patient-centeredness

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND AVAILABILITY

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GUIDELINE AVAILABILITY

Electronic copies: Available for download (in Portable Document Format [PDF]) from the [University of Michigan Health System Web site](#).

AVAILABILITY OF COMPANION DOCUMENTS

Continuing Medical Education (CME) information is available from the [University of Michigan Health System Web site](#).

PATIENT RESOURCES

None available

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