

# Standard Vaccine Manufacturer Abbreviations

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Vaccine Identification Standards Initiative (VISI) proposed the following standardized abbreviations for vaccine and biologics manufacturers and distributors to facilitate accuracy, precision, convenience, and consistency, and avoid ambiguity in medical record keeping, written communications, and scientific publications. For retrospective reference, the list includes manufacturers which previously produced vaccines, but are now inactive or merged into other corporate entities. When practical, the company's stock ticker abbreviation is used.

**Note:** Do not confuse these abbreviations with "MVX" codes for the [Health Level Seven \(HL7\) code set](#). The MVX codes were developed for storing data in computer databases and for electronic interchange among computers serving immunization registries. They were not intended as intuitive abbreviations for medical record keeping, oral communication, or published documents. MVX codes generally remain the same after changes in corporate identities of manufacturers or distributors as a result of mergers, takeovers, spinoffs, and renamings.

Abbreviation	Vaccine Manufacturer/Distributor
<b>ACM</b>	Acambis Plc
<b>ADL</b>	Adams Laboratories
<b>AGEN</b>	Antigenics, Inc.
<b>ALI</b>	Abbott Laboratories, Inc.
<b>ALKA</b>	ALK-Abelló
<b>ALPV</b>	AlphaVax, Inc.
<b>ALT</b>	Alpha Therapeutic Corporation
<b>AML</b>	Amrad Corporation
<b>ANX</b>	Antex Biologics, Inc.
<b>APM</b>	Aventis Pasteur MSD [joint venture of Aventis Pasteur and Merck; successor entity for Pasteur-Mérieux <b>MSD</b> ]
<b>ARC</b>	<a href="#">American Red Cross</a>
<b>ARM</b>	Armour Pharmaceuticals [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>CEN</b> and <b>AVB</b> ]
<b>AVAN</b>	Avant Immunotherapeutics, Inc.
<b>AVB</b>	Aventis Behring L.L.C. [successor entity for Armour Pharmaceuticals ( <b>ARM</b> ) and Centeon LLC ( <b>CTN</b> )]
<b>AVIR</b>	Aviron [purchased by and absorbed into Medimmune ( <b>MEDI</b> )]
<b>AVP</b>	Aventis Pasteur [includes Aventis Pasteur, S.A. (France), Aventis Pasteur, Inc. (Swiftwater, PA, USA), Aventis Pasteur, Ltd. (Ontario, Canada)] [subsidiary of Aventis S.A., successor entity for Hoechst and Rhône-Poulenc, which absorbed Connaught Laboratories, Inc. ( <b>CON</b> ), Connaught Laboratories, Ltd. ( <b>CNL</b> ), Institut Mérieux ( <b>MER</b> ), Pasteur Vaccins ( <b>PV</b> ), Pasteur Mérieux Sérums et Vaccins ( <b>PMSV</b> ), Pasteur Mérieux Connaught ( <b>PMC</b> ), Marion Merrell Dow, National Drug Company, Merrell National Laboratories ( <b>MRN</b> ), and Richardson Merrell]

<b>AVXT</b>	AVAX Technologies, Inc.
<b>ALX</b>	AltaRex Corp.
<b>BAY</b>	Bayer AG [successor entity for Miles Laboratories, Inc. ( <b>MIL</b> ) and Cutter Laboratories ( <b>CUT</b> )]
<b>BAVA</b>	Bavarian Nordic GmbH
<b>BAX</b>	Baxter BioScience, Vaccinesdivision, Baxter International Inc. [formerly Hyland Immuno division; absorbed Immuno AG and Immuno International AG ( <b>IAG</b> ), Immuno-U.S., Inc. ( <b>IUS</b> ), and North American Vaccine, Inc. ( <b>NAV</b> )]
<b>BCH</b>	BioChem Pharma [absorbed by merger into Shire Biologics, a subsidiary of Shire Pharmaceuticals Group, plc ( <b>SHP</b> )]
<b>BER</b>	Berna Products Corporation [successor entity for Swiss Serum and Vaccine Institute, Berne, Switzerland ( <b>SSV</b> )]
<b>BIB</b>	Bharat Immunological and Biologicals Corp., Limited (India)
<b>BIK</b>	BIKEN, The Research Foundation for Microbial Diseases of Osaka University [manufacturing collaboration with Eisai Co., Ltd ( <b>EISA</b> )]
<b>BIOF</b>	PT Bio Farma (Indonesia)
<b>BION</b>	Bionetics Research, Inc. [inactive] [abbreviation and/or name superseded, see <b>OTC</b> ]
<b>BIOR</b>	BioReliance Corporation
<b>BMAN</b>	Bio-Manguinhos - Instituto de Tecnologia em Imunobiológicos (Brazil)
<b>BMY</b>	Bristol-Myers Squibb
<b>BPT</b>	BioPort Corporation [successor entity for Michigan Biologic Products Institute ( <b>MIP</b> )]
<b>CANS</b>	Cancer Association of South Africa ( <b>CANSA</b> )
<b>CANT</b>	Cantacuzino Institute
<b>CDC</b>	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</a>
<b>CELS</b>	CEL-SCI Corporation
<b>CHIR</b>	Chiron Corporation [includes wholly-owned subsidiaries PowderJect Pharmaceuticals plc ( <b>PJP</b> ), Chiron Behring GmbH & Co. which absorbed Behringwerke AG vaccine business, Chiron S.p.A. which absorbed Sclavo (SCL) vaccine business, and former Biocine joint venture of Chiron and Ciba Geigy]
<b>CHJD</b>	CheilJedang Corporation(South Korea)
<b>CNL</b>	Connaught Laboratories, Ltd. (Ontario, Canada) [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>AVP</b> ]
<b>CNTB</b>	Cantab Pharmaceuticals plc
<b>COLY</b>	Coley Pharmaceuticals Group
<b>CON</b>	Connaught Laboratories, Inc.(Swiftwater, PA, USA) [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>AVP</b> ] (former subsidiary of Connaught Laboratories, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; prior to privatization: the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories of the University of Toronto)
<b>CRXA</b>	Corixa Corporation
<b>CSL</b>	CSL Limited [formerly Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Pty Ltd]
<b>CTC</b>	Centocor [wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson]

<b>CTI</b>	Cancer Therapeutics, Inc.
<b>CTN</b>	Centeon L.L.C. [successor entity for Armour Pharmaceutical Company ( <b>ARM</b> ); abbreviation and/or name superseded, see <b>AVB</b> ]
<b>CUT</b>	Cutter Laboratories [inactive] [see <b>BAY</b> ]
<b>CYTN</b>	Cytos Biotechnology AG
<b>DOW</b>	Dow Chemical Company [inactive]
<b>DVC</b>	DynPort Vaccine Company LLC
<b>EISA</b>	Eisai Co., Ltd [manufacturing collaboration with Biken ( <b>BIK</b> )]
<b>ELN</b>	Elan Pharmaceuticals
<b>EVN</b>	Evans Vaccines Ltd.(wholly owned subsidiary of PowderJect Pharmaceuticals Plc) [formerly Evans Medical, Ltd., which acquired vaccine business of Wellcome ( <b>WEL</b> ); Evans was acquired by and renamed to Medeva ( <b>MDV</b> ); MDV vaccine business subsequently acquired by PowderJect and Evans name restored]
<b>FFF</b>	FFF Enterprises
<b>GPO</b>	Government Pharmaceutical Organization (Thailand)
<b>GSK</b>	GlaxoSmithKline plc [merger of Glaxo Wellcome plc ( <b>GLX</b> , which absorbed Wellcome ( <b>WEL</b> )) and SmithKline Beecham plc ( <b>SBB</b> and <b>SB</b> ), which earlier absorbed Recherche et Industrie Thérapeutiques ( <b>RIT</b> )]
<b>GRE</b>	Greer Laboratories
<b>HUM</b>	HUMAN Serum Production and Medicine Manufacturing Company Limited (Hungary)
<b>IAF</b>	INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique, Université du Québec
<b>IAG</b>	Immuno AG, Immuno International AG [abbreviation and/or name superseded, absorbed into Baxter Healthcare Corporation ( <b>BAX</b> )]
<b>IDBE</b>	ID Biomedical Corporation
<b>IDT</b>	Impfstoffwerk Dessau-Tornau GmbH (Germany)
<b>IEX</b>	Inex Pharmaceuticals Corporation
<b>IIZ</b>	Institute of Immunology (Zagreb, Croatia)
<b>IMER</b>	Institut Mérieux [inactive; formed Pasteur Vaccins ( <b>PV</b> ) joint venture with Institut Pasteur; later became Pasteur Mérieux Sérums et Vaccins ( <b>PMSV</b> ), then Pasteur Mérieux Connaught (PMC) subsidiary of Rhône-Poulenc, then Aventis Pasteur (AVP)]
<b>IMNR</b>	Immune Response Corporation
<b>INNX</b>	Innogenetics
<b>INTC</b>	Intercell AG, CISTEM Biotechnologies GmbH
<b>INTV</b>	InterVax Biologicals Limited
<b>IOM</b>	Iomai Corporation
<b>IPVE</b>	Institute of Poliomyelitis and Viral Encephalitis (Russia)
<b>ITLV</b>	Intellivax, Inc., Intellivax International, Inc. [became wholly owned subsidiary of ID Biomedical Corporation ( <b>IDBE</b> )]
<b>IUS</b>	Immuno-U.S., Inc. [abbreviation and/or name superseded, see <b>BAX</b> ]

<b>KGCC</b>	Korea Green Cross Corporation (South Korea)
<b>LED</b>	Lederle Laboratories Division American Cyanamid Company [absorbed into Wyeth ( <b>WYE</b> )]
<b>LET</b>	Laboratorios Leti (Grupo Farmacéutico Leti) (Spain)
<b>LG</b>	Lucky Goldstar Chemical, Ltd.(Pharmaceutical Division) (South Korea)
<b>LIL</b>	Eli Lilly and Company [inactive]
<b>MAB</b>	Massachusetts Biologic Laboratories, University of Massachusetts [formerly Massachusetts Public Health Biologic Laboratories]
<b>MDG</b>	MediGene AG
<b>MDV</b>	Medeva plc and Celltech Medeva Pharma [inactive] [successor entity for vaccine line of Evans Medical, Ltd. ( <b>EVN</b> ); line subsequently sold; abbreviation and name superseded, see <b>EVN</b> ]
<b>MEDI</b>	MedImmune, Inc. [purchased Aviron ( <b>AVIR</b> )]
<b>MEJ</b>	Mead Johnson [inactive] [subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Squibb <b>BMJ</b> ]
<b>MICR</b>	Microscience Ltd
<b>MIL</b>	Miles Laboratories [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>BAY</b> ]
<b>MIP</b>	Michigan Biologic Products Institute (formerly Michigan Department of Public Health) [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>BP</b> ]
<b>MRK</b>	Merck and Co., Inc. [successor name for Merck, Sharpe, and Dohme, Inc. ( <b>MSD</b> )]
<b>MRN</b>	Merrell National Laboratories, Division of Richardson Merrell [inactive, see <b>AVP</b> ]
<b>MSD</b>	Merck, Sharpe, and Dohme, Inc. [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>MRK</b> ]
<b>NABI</b>	NABI [successor entity for North American Biologicals, Inc.]
<b>NAV</b>	North American Vaccine, Inc. [absorbed into Baxter Healthcare Corporation ( <b>BAX</b> )]
<b>NCI</b>	<a href="#">National Cancer Institute</a> , National Institutes of Health (USA)
<b>NCIP</b>	National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (Sofia, Bulgaria)
<b>NOV</b>	Novartis [formerly Sandoz ( <b>SAN</b> ) and Ciba-Geigy]
<b>NVI</b>	Nederlands Vaccin Instituut(Netherlands Vaccine Institute) [see <b>RIVM</b> and <b>SVM</b> ]
<b>NWBT</b>	Northwest Biotherapeutics, Inc.
<b>NYB</b>	<a href="#">New York Blood Center</a>
<b>ORA</b>	OraVax, Inc. [abbreviation and/or name superseded: subsidiary of Peptide Therapeutics Group, plc; see <b>PTE</b> ]
<b>ORT</b>	Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics [a Johnson & Johnson company; successor entity for Ortho Diagnostic Systems, Inc.]
<b>OTC</b>	Organon Teknika Corporation, Organon Teknika, B.V. [successor entity for Bionetics Research, Inc. ( <b>BIR</b> )]
<b>PD</b>	Parke Davis [inactive, transferred influenza vaccine production to Parkedale Pharmaceuticals ( <b>PDL</b> )]
<b>PDL</b>	Parkedale Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (subsidiary of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) [inactive; successor entity for Parke Davis influenza vaccine production]
<b>PFI</b>	Pfizer, Ltd. [inactive]
<b>PHMX</b>	Pharmexa A/S

<b>PHR</b>	Philips Roxane, Inc. [inactive name; became Solvay Pharmaceuticals ( <b>SOL</b> )]
<b>PJP</b>	PowderJect Pharmaceuticals plc [wholly owned subsidiary of Chiron Corporation ( <b>CHIR</b> ). Includes PowderJect Vaccines, Inc.; PowderJect earlier acquired SBL Vaccin AB ( <b>SBL</b> ) and the vaccine business of Medeva ( <b>MDV</b> ), restoring the Evans name to the wholly-owned subsidiary, Evans Vaccines, Ltd. (see <b>EVN</b> )]
<b>PMC</b>	Pasteur Mérieux Connaught [abbreviation and name superseded; see <b>AVP</b> ]
<b>PMSV</b>	Pasteur Mérieux Sérums et Vaccins [formerly Pasteur Vaccines ( <b>PV</b> ) joint venture of Institut Pasteur and Institut Mérieux ( <b>IMER</b> ); became Pasteur Mérieux Connaught ( <b>PMC</b> ) subsidiary of Rhône-Poulenc, then Aventis Pasteur ( <b>AVP</b> )]
<b>PRFB</b>	Groupe Pierre Fabre: Centre d'Immunologie Pierre Fabre
<b>PRX</b>	Praxis Biologics [absorbed into Wyeth ( <b>WYE</b> )]
<b>PTE</b>	Peptide Therapeutics Group, plc
<b>PTM</b>	Pitman-Moore, Inc., Pitman-Moore Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. [inactive; absorbed into International Minerals and Chemical Corporation]
<b>PV</b>	Pasteur Vaccins [inactive; joint venture of Institut Pasteur and Institut Mérieux ( <b>IMER</b> ); later became Pasteur Mérieux Sérums et Vaccins ( <b>PMSV</b> ), then Pasteur Mérieux Connaught ( <b>PMC</b> ) subsidiary of Rhône-Poulenc, then Aventis Pasteur ( <b>AVP</b> )]
<b>QUA</b>	Quad Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [inactive] [absorbed into Par Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Pharmaceutical Resources, Inc.]
<b>RIT</b>	Recherche et Industrie Thérapeutiques [inactive; antecedent company of GlaxoSmithKline ( <b>GSK</b> )]
<b>RIVM</b>	Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu [National Institute of Public Health and the Environment] (as of 2003, vaccine activities reorganized into the Stichting ter bevordering van de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne ( <b>SVM</b> ) [Foundation for the Promotion of Public Health and Environmental Hygiene] and the Netherlands Vaccine Institute ( <b>NVI</b> ))
<b>SAN</b>	Sandoz [inactive, see Novartis ( <b>NOV</b> )]
<b>SBB</b>	SmithKline Beecham Biologicals [component of former SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals ( <b>SB</b> ); merged into GlaxoSmithKline; see <b>GSK</b> ]
<b>SBL</b>	SBL Vaccin AB (Sweden) [absorbed into PowderJect Pharmaceuticals plc ( <b>PJP</b> )]
<b>SCHR</b>	Schering AG (Germany)
<b>SCL</b>	Sclavo, S.p.A [vaccine business absorbed into former Biocine joint venture of Chiron and Ciba-Geigy, and later into Chiron Corporation ( <b>CHIR</b> )]
<b>SGP</b>	Schering-Plough Corporation (USA)
<b>SHP</b>	Shire Biologics, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shire Pharmaceuticals Group plc [absorbed BioChem Pharma ( <b>BCH</b> ) through merger]
<b>SII</b>	Serum Institute of India, Ltd.
<b>SKB</b>	SmithKline Beecham [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>SBB</b> ]
<b>SOL</b>	Solvay Pharmaceuticals [influenza product] [successor company to Philips Roxane, Inc. ( <b>PHR</b> )]
<b>SSB</b>	StressGen Biotechnologies Corporation
<b>SSI</b>	Statens Serum Institut (Denmark)
<b>SSV</b>	Swiss Serum and Vaccine Institute (Berne, Switzerland) [abbreviation and/or name superseded; see <b>BER</b> ]

<b>SVM</b>	Stichting ter bevordering van de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (Foundation for the Promotion of Public Health and Environmental Hygiene, the Netherlands; see <b>RIVM</b> and <b>NVI</b> )
<b>TDH</b>	Texas Department of Health Resources [inactive]
<b>TOR</b>	Torlak Immunology and Virology Institute(Serbia)
<b>TRGN</b>	Transgene S.A.
<b>TSI-GSD</b>	The Salk Institute - Government Services Division [inactive; formerly a division of <a href="#">The Salk Institute for Biological Studies</a> ; absorbed into Aventis Pasteur, Inc. ( <b>AVP</b> )]
<b>UIL</b>	University of Illinois [inactive]
<b>ULEI</b>	<a href="#">Universiteit Leiden</a>
<b>UQU</b>	University of Queensland
<b>USA</b>	<a href="#">United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command</a>
<b>VHL</b>	Virax Holdings Limited
<b>VXGN</b>	VaxGen, Inc.
<b>WA</b>	Wyeth-Ayerst [abbreviation/name superseded; see <b>WYE</b> ]
<b>WAL</b>	Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories [abbreviation/name superseded; see <b>WYE</b> ]
<b>WEL</b>	Wellcome; Burroughs Wellcome; Wellcome plc [inactive] [merged into Glaxo Wellcome, but its vaccine business acquired by Evans Medical, Ltd. ( <b>EVN</b> )]
<b>WIS</b>	<a href="#">The Wistar Institute</a> (University of Pennsylvania)
<b>WLV</b>	Wyeth-Lederle Vaccines (and Pediatrics) [abbreviation/name superseded; see <b>WYE</b> ]
<b>WYE</b>	Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, division of Wyeth [renamed from American Home Products, encompassing former Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories ( <b>WAL</b> ); Wyeth-Ayerst ( <b>WA</b> ), Wyeth-Lederle Vaccines (and Pediatrics) ( <b>WLV</b> ), Wyeth Laboratories, Inc. ( <b>WYL</b> ), Lederle Laboratories Division American Cyanamid Company ( <b>LED</b> ), and Praxis Biologics ( <b>PRX</b> )]
<b>WYL</b>	Wyeth Laboratories, Inc. [abbreviation/name superseded; see <b>WYE</b> ]