Immunization Safety Office (ISO) Update

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Organizational and leadership transition

- Melinda Wharton, MD, MPH, has agreed to serve a temporary assignment as Acting Director, ISO, beginning October 14
- Dr. Wharton will provide overall leadership for the Office and help guide the transitioning of ISO from CDC's Office of the Director to the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases (NCPDCID)





Recent scientific articles of cross cutting interest

- Chang S, Pool V, O'Connell K, et al. Preventable Mix-ups of Tuberculin and Vaccines: Reports to the US Vaccine and Drug Safety Reporting Systems. Drug Saf. 2008;31(11):1027-33.
- Kohl KS, Magnus M, Ball R, et al. Applicability, reliability, sensitivity, and specificity of six Brighton Collaboration standardized case definitions for adverse events following immunization. Vaccine. 2008 Sep 19.
- Wood RA, Berger M, Dreskin SC, et al. An algorithm for treatment of patients with hypersensitivity reactions after vaccines. Pediatrics. 2008 Sep;122(3):e771-7.





FIGURE 1 An algorithm for the management of suspected allergic reactions to vaccines







