

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES**

### **VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM**

#### **VACCINES TO PREVENT PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE**

*The purpose of this resolution is to correct errors in the eligible groups and dose intervals for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and to streamline the resolution through the use of links to published documents.*

*VFC resolution 10/08-1 is repealed and replaced by the following:*

#### **A. Conjugate Vaccine to Prevent Pneumococcal Disease**

##### **Eligible groups**

All infants and children at least six weeks of age through 59 months old.

##### **Recommended Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Schedule**

Recommended schedules for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr4909a1.htm> and

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5231a5.htm> and

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5713a4.htm?s\\_cid=mm5713a4\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5713a4.htm?s_cid=mm5713a4_e).

##### **Dosage Intervals for Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine**

Recommended dosage intervals for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr4909a1.htm> and

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5231a5.htm> and

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5713a4.htm?s\\_cid=mm5713a4\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5713a4.htm?s_cid=mm5713a4_e).

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##### **Recommended dosage**

Refer to product package inserts.

##### **Contraindications and Precautions**

Contraindications and precautions can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr4909a1.htm>.

#### **B. Polysaccharide Vaccine to Prevent Pneumococcal Disease**

##### **Eligible groups**

Children and adolescents aged 2 through 18 years who have functional or anatomical asplenia, immunocompromising illness or medications, chronic illness (as specified above), who are Alaska Native or American Indian, or who have received a bone marrow transplant.

## **Recommended Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Schedule**

One dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is recommended for children and adolescents who are at least 2 years of age and at high risk, as listed under Eligible Groups.

For children who are immunocompromised or who have functional or anatomical asplenia: a single revaccination is recommended if 5 or more years have elapsed since the previous dose.

## **Dosage Intervals for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine**

For a child who has received the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and is >2 years old, the recommended and minimal interval between the conjugate and polysaccharide is 2 months.

For children in specified high risk groups, the recommended interval between a first and second dose of polysaccharide vaccine is 5 years (see Recommended Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine Schedule, above).

## **Recommended dosage**

Refer to product package inserts.

## **Contraindications and Precautions**

Contraindications and precautions can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr4909a1.htm>.

[If an ACIP recommendation regarding the pneumococcal vaccination is published within 12 months following this resolution, the relevant language above (except in the eligible groups sections) will be replaced with the language in the recommendation and incorporated by reference to the publication URL.]

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This document can be found on the CDC website at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/1008-1pneumo-508.pdf>