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IMMUNIZATION UPDATES - May/June 2012

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1. Pentacel and Daptacel Vaccine Shortage

Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel and Daptacel vaccines are expected to be in short supply through the summer of 2012. Providers should continue to follow the recommended immunizations schedule. There is sufficient supply of DTaP, IPV and Hib vaccines to complete the series started with Pentacel.

Dear Health Care Provider letter:

[https://www.vaccineshoppe.com/assets/pdf/Important%20Supply%20Information\\_MKT24949.pdf](https://www.vaccineshoppe.com/assets/pdf/Important%20Supply%20Information_MKT24949.pdf)

Guidance for Vaccinating Children during 2012 Pentacel/Daptacel Shortage:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/downloads/pentacel-guidance.pdf>

For updates on Current Vaccine Shortages and Delays:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/default.htm>

## 2. VIS updated to include a 2-D barcode

The MMR vaccine information sheet is one of the first to feature a 2D barcode (located on the back near the edition date). The barcode allows providers with a 2D barcode reader and the appropriate software to scan the VIS name and edition date into an electronic medical record or Immunization Information System. Using the barcode is an alternative to manually entering the information. Starting 24 April 2012, new and updated VISs will now contain a 2D barcode.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/vis-barcodes.htm>

## 3. Vaccine Education Booklet

The American Academy of Microbiology recently published an excellent booklet titled, Adult Immunizations: A Grown-Up Thing To Do. The 16-page booklet discusses what vaccines are, how they protect, why adults need vaccines and vaccine safety. This education tool should be shared not only patients but healthcare staff remind them of the importance of immunizations even into adulthood.

[http://academy.asm.org/images/stories/documents/FAQ\\_Adult\\_Vaccination.pdf](http://academy.asm.org/images/stories/documents/FAQ_Adult_Vaccination.pdf)

## 4. Initial Impact of Adenovirus Vaccine Program

In October 2011 DoD basic training sites resumed adenovirus vaccinations which had originally ceased in 1999. Preliminary data suggests that the vaccine is highly effective for febrile respiratory illness (FRI) caused by adenovirus type 4, demonstrating a 75% decrease in FRI cases. Read the full article in the March 2012 Medical Surveillance Monthly Report.

[http://afhsc.mil/viewMSMR?file=2012/v19\\_n03.pdf#Page=02](http://afhsc.mil/viewMSMR?file=2012/v19_n03.pdf#Page=02)

## 5. Imported Human Rabies in US Army Soldier - 2011

August of 2011 a US Army soldier, who described a dog bite while in Afghanistan, reported to an emergency department in New York for suspected rabies. The soldier had not received the effective rabies post-exposure prophylaxis after the bite and subsequently died of rabies on August 31. All personnel reporting a dog bite while deployed must be medically evaluated for potential rabies exposure and treatment.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6117a2.htm>

## 6. Congratulations to CDC Childhood Immunization Award Winner

Ms. Rosalinda Dejesus, an immunization technician at the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, has been awarded the CDC Childhood Immunization Award for the State of Illinois. Ms. Dejesus was awarded the distinction in April for her work in Tdap vaccine advocacy and her dedication to the missions of immunizing children and educating the public about the importance of immunizations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/champions/profiles.html#il>

## 7. MILVAX Training Opportunities

### Immunization Basic Course

Indianapolis, IN  
15 Jun 12

Ft Wainwright, AK  
17 Jul 12

Landstuhl RMC, Germany  
3 Aug 12

<http://www.vaccines.mil/ibc>

### Immunization Leaders Course

Indianapolis, IN  
12-14 Jun 12

Ft Wainwright, AK  
18-20 Jul 12

Landstuhl RMC, Germany  
31 Jul - 2 Aug 12

Joint Base Andrews, MD  
14-16 Aug 12

<http://www.vaccines.mil/ilc>

For a complete description of all the courses offered by MILVAX please see the MILVAX website and check out the many education opportunities that are available within Immunization University.

<http://www.vaccines.mil/training>

## 8. Upcoming Conferences

National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions

New Orleans

23-25 May 12

<http://www.shotsfortots.com/html/10thNCIHC.html>

Public Health 2012: Stand Up & Be Counted, CSTE (Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists) Annual Conference

Omaha, NE

3-7 Jun 12

<http://www.csteconference.org>

Vaccines Research and Development Conference

San Francisco

9-10 Jul 12

<http://www.gtcbio.com/component/conference/?file=home&cn=10th+Vaccines+Research+and+Development%3A++All+Things+Considered&cid=48>

CDC Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Disease

Denver, CO

16-17 Jul 12

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/onsite-trg.htm>

Current Issues in Immunizations - CDC NetConference (Web-based)

16 Jul 12, 1200-1300EST

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc/default.htm>

9. Crossword Puzzle: History of Vaccines

<http://www.vaccines.mil/crossword>

Military Vaccine Agency

<http://www.vaccines.mil>

<http://www.smallpox.mil>

<http://www.anthrax.mil>

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Please feel free to pass this message on to your colleagues. To add or remove your name from this mailing list, please click here -- <http://www.vaccines.mil/listserv>