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IMMUNIZATION UPDATES - January/February 2012

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1. What Are Your Clinic's New Year's Resolutions?

It's time to get your staff and clinic ready for 2012. Take some time to begin to look at how you can improve your immunization programs.

Designate a Staff Educator for your program. Assign a staff member to be the immunization training point of contact (POC) for your staff. The POC will be responsible for planning a tentative training calendar for the year to help the program meet the eight hour immunization specific training per year. Training can include on-line programs, manufacturer visits, hands on training, conference attendance, etc. The POC should help manage the staff training folders and track the training requirements for mandatory and section specific training. Talk to your regional analyst about how to build your program and options for additional training opportunities.

Check out the MILVAX on-line training modules and get those 8 hours started today.

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

Update your standing orders. The New Year is a great time to review your standing orders. Have they been signed by your medical director in the last year? Do they need to be updated to reflect recent ACIP or package insert changes? Are the orders accessible to staff when administering immunizations? Is the staff familiar with what the standing orders require? Do you need assistance with standing order templates?

<http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=ImzU/standingOrders>

2. FDA Okays Prevnar 13 for Adults

Prevnar 13 was first approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in infants and young children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Due to the rapidly expanding population of older adults, among which pneumococcal infections remain an important cause of morbidity and mortality, Prevnar 13 has now been approved for use in adults 50 years of age and older. The FDA approved the age expansion on 30 Dec 2011. Prevnar 13 now joins Pneumovax 23 as a vaccine for the prevention of pneumonia in adults. ACIP recommends routine pneumococcal vaccination of all adults 65 years and older.

<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/ucm201667.htm>

3. Vaccine MMQC Messages

MMQC-12-1004

FDA Updated Communication on the Use of Jet Injectors with Inactivated Influenza Vaccine
9 Jan 2012

On 26 Oct 2011 the FDA released information on the use of jet injectors with vaccines. MMR is the only vaccine licensed for administration by a jet injector. Jet injectors should not be used with any other vaccine to include influenza. All immunizations should be administered in accordance with the package inserts.

MMQC-12-1005

Anthrax Vaccine Expiration Notification for FAV285
10 Jan 2012

MMQC-12-1015

Anthrax Vaccine Expiration Notification for FAV286
27 Jan 12

All units that have Anthrax vaccine Lot FAV285 and 286 please be reminded that the lots have expired. Activities that were not able to complete supply of vaccine prior to expiration date should follow the destruction procedures on the USAMMA Distribution Operations Center (DOC) website.

http://www.usamma.army.mil/avip_index.cfm

4. VIS Updates

Vaccine Information Statements are regularly produced and updated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to explain to vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives both the benefits and risks of a vaccine.

The CDC has recently updated the following VIS; Polio (12/1/11), JE (12/7/11), Tdap-Td (1/24/12).

Please make sure you purge any outdated VIS in your location and replace them with the most current versions.

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

3 additional VIS (Hep B, HPV and Rotavirus) are expected to be updated in February.

Register to receive emails about VIS updates from the CDC.

https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USCDC_11_1

5. MILVAX Training Opportunities

Immunization Basic Course

Ford Island, HI
7 Feb 2012

Bangor, ME
2 Mar 2012

Salt Lake City, UT
12 Mar 2012

Cape May, NJ
22 Mar 2012

Camp Lejeune, NC
2 Apr 2012

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

Immunization Leaders Course

Ford Island, HI
8-10 Feb 2012

Salt Lake City, UT
13-15 Mar 2012

Camp Lejeune, NC
3-5 Apr 2012

<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>

6. Upcoming Immunization Conferences and Meetings

ACIP Meeting

CDC, Tom Harkin Global Communication Center, Atlanta, GA
February 22-23, 2012

<http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/ACIP/FebruaryRegistration.asp>

Clinical Vaccinology Course

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL
March 9-11, 2012

<http://www.nfid.org/conferences/registration>

CDC 1st National Immunization Conference Online

March 26-28, 2012

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/default.htm>

7. CME Learning Opportunity

Rotavirus Immunization: What We Know and What Is Still Unanswered

0.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit (valid for credit through 11/29/12)

www.medscape.com

Rotavirus Immunization: What Nurses Need to Know and What Is Still Unanswered

0.50 ANCC Contact Hours (valid for credit through 12/29/12)

www.medscape.com

Making the CASE for Vaccine Safety: A New Model for Communicating with Parents

1 ANCC Contact Hour (Valid for credits through 12/13)

1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit (Valid for credits through 12/13)

1 CECH in Health Education (Valid for credits through 12/13)

http://www.albany.edu/sph/cphce/phl_12910.shtml

8. Crossword Puzzle: Test your immunization knowledge!

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

Military Vaccine Agency

<http://www.vaccines.mil>

<http://www.smallpox.mil>

<http://www.anthrax.mil>

(877)GET-VACC

<mailto:vaccines@amedd.army.mil>

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/ContactUs>