

Immunization “201” – Challenging Immunization Scenarios

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Today’s Objectives

- Thinking about/approaching vaccinating children
 - Communication Strategies
- CASES

Challenges To Effective Communication With Patients

- Finding the time to communicate
- The science of vaccines and immunology is complicated
- Language barriers
- Information resources

Strategies To Reduce Myths and Misperceptions about Vaccines

- Listen to the patient
- Be a role model
- Speak from your experience

Approaches To Vaccine Communication Challenges

- Keep your message simple
- Advise the patients what to expect after the vaccination
- Emphasize the return visits



One of the most important factors that influence a patient's decision to be vaccinated is a clear and unequivocal recommendation of the vaccine from the provider

Strong, Clear Concise Recommendation for HPV Vaccine (and all vaccines)

- Recommend HPV as a routine vaccine in the same manner as others
- “Your child needs 3 vaccines today: HPV, Tdap and MCV4”
- Listen carefully and welcome questions

Dear colleague letter
 Endorsed by AAP, AAFP, ACOG, CDC and IAC
http://www.immunize.org/letter/recommend_hpv_vaccination.pdf

Immunization Pearls

GIVE ALL SHOTS

- If they're due for many shots - they've missed visits - and will miss them again

Think about EACH antigen separately with combination vaccines

- i.e., Pentacel - think about DTaP, then IPV, then HIB

When looking at lists of shots, think about any vaccines that the patient hasn't received AT ALL

- It's much easier to notice that a patient is short a vaccine (i.e., only had one VZV), then it is to recognize they've never received a vaccine (i.e., never had Hep A)

Cases

- Mostly no right answers
 - some wrong answers...
- When no right answers... If in doubt, discuss with the family
- Ignore Flu vaccine – they're ALL due for flu vaccine

Case 1

- 12 month old patient, presents for routine well child care visit. New to your practice
 - no immunization records
- What do you do?

Case 2

- 16 month old patient, presents for ringworm. Known to your practice
 - Not up to date with immunizations
- What do you do?
 - If you vaccinate today will that decrease the chance that he/she will return for well child care?

Case 3

- 16 month old patient, misses well child care visit. Known to your practice
 - Frequent missed appointments
 - Missed appointment again today
- What do you do?

Case 4

- 18 month old patient, presents for routine well child care visit. Known to your practice
 - Reviewing immunization records, there's no DTaP given at 4 months of age, but IPV, PCV, Hib and rotovirus were all given at 4 months of age. All other vaccines are Up To Date including DTaP's at 2, 6 and 15 months of age.
- What do you do?

Case 5

- 18 month old presents to your practice. Family had sent records ahead of time and the immunizations are already entered into the EMR. When you review in the EMR everything up-to-date except at 2, 4, and 6 months no IPV or PCV. Mom states received all shots

Case 6

- 12 month old patient, presents for routine well child care visit. Up-to-Date with 3 sets of all shots (including Hep B).
 - Also has fever to 100.9 and with OM
 - Parent tells you up front that they don't want shots today.
- What do you do?
- Is your approach different if the patient is NOT up-to-date and known to miss appointments?

Case 7

- 3 year old with Cerebral Palsy comes in for routine visit today. She has had all her routine shots through 3 years of age.
- Given that she has CP what additional shot(s) should you be advising.
- Are there more shot(s) you should give if has cochlear implant?

Case 8

- 5 month old medically complex patient, presents for routine well child care visit. New to your practice
 - No previous vaccinations?
- Are there circumstances where you'd give rotovirus vaccine

Case 9

- 1 year old, newly adopted baby from overseas. Family brings in shot record from overseas. All the shots are there, but the family is worried – they felt the care in the orphanage had been bad and don't believe the record.
- Do you feel better/ worse when you notice ALL the shots are given on the first day of a month

Case 10

- The adopted baby's shot records are beautifully written out – but you've got no idea what they mean since they're in another language
- What are your options at this point?

Options

- Revaccinate
- Titers?
- Have family get it translated
- Use facility translators if available
- PINK BOOK
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html>
- www.immunize.org

Case 12

- 9 month old comes into the office. The family is returning to “another country” for a year, and mom knows they don’t give the same vaccines. She asks for what vaccines would you recommend they get.

Case 13

- 7 year old patient of yours recently completed treatment for Leukemia including bone marrow transplant. Dad brings in the child for the first time in a long time, wants to know what to do about vaccines.

Case 14

- Flu vaccine
- 12 year old with history of egg allergy here for flu vaccine
- No problem eating food cooked with small amounts of egg
- What do you do?

Case 15

- 3 year old comes in for flu shot
 - Had 1 flu shot 2 years ago
 - Do they need a second dose?
 - If they had 1 flu shot last year as well – do they need a 2nd dose?

Case 16

- 6 month old new to your practice has a scattering of shots (2 DTaPs, 1 IPV, 1 HIB, 1 PCV, 1 Hep B, 1 rotovirus)
- Family has Dr. Sears book and wants to follow his schedule
- How do you respond?

Case 17

- 15 month old, new to your practice. His records show
 - Hep B, DTaP, HIB, PCV, IPV all x3 (all before 9 months of age)
 - Rotovirus x2
- What shots do you administer today?
 - If you give some – will they come back in 4 weeks for more?

Summary

- Give all vaccines due
- Think about each portion of combination vaccines separately when thinking about being up-to-date
- Look closely for MISSING vaccines

For More Information

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program
 - 1-617-983-6800
 - 1-888-658-2850
 - Website <http://www.mass.gov/dph>
- CDC/NIP
 - 1-800-232-2522 (English)
 - 1-800-232-0233 (Spanish)
 - Website <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>
- www.immunize.org
