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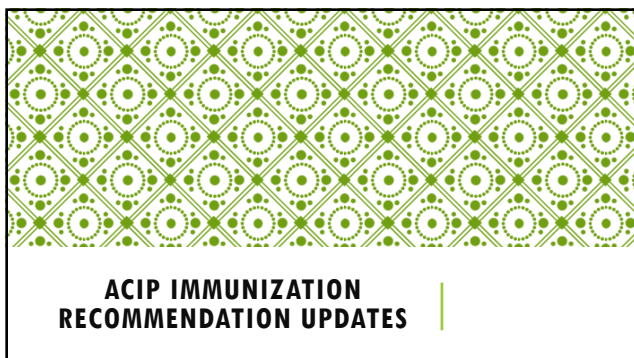
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PHARMACIST LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Summarize recent updates to the immunization schedule.
2. Understand the guidance concerning contraindications and precautions related to influenza vaccinations.
3. Explain the "3 C's" of vaccine hesitancy.
4. Identify tools that can be used to determine which vaccinations an individual may be eligible to receive.

TECHNICIAN LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Explain recent updates to the immunization schedule.
2. Understand the screening process for influenza vaccinations.
3. Recognize the importance of identifying vaccine hesitancy.
4. Identify which routine vaccinations are covered by Medicare Part D.



HEPATITIS B VACCINE

- Hepatitis B is a vaccine-preventable, communicable disease of the liver caused by hepatitis B virus (HBV)
- HBV vaccinations have been shown to be safe & effective for over 40 years
- Vaccination is recommended for all ages, however, vaccine coverage among adults is low
 - Rate of acute hepatitis infection rate in adults >40 years of age has been on the rise since 2012

Reference: HHS.gov Viral Hepatitis

HEPATITIS B VACCINE

- ACIP updated Hepatitis B vaccination recommendations April 1, 2022
 - Recommends all adults 19–59 years old receive a hepatitis B vaccination series
 - Those 60 and older without known risk factors may also receive the vaccine
 - Updated recommendations removes the need for risk factor screening
- Available vaccine(s)
 - Recombivax, Engerix, Hepelisav (adjuvanted)
 - Other combo vaccines exist (Pediarix, Twinrix)

Reference: MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022;71:229–233

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE

- ACIP updated pneumococcal recommendations in January 2022
 - Recommendations were “simplified” for healthcare providers
 - Includes both PCV20 and PCV15

Reference: MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022;71:109–117

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE

CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination for adults:

- 19 through 64 years old who have certain chronic medical conditions or other risk factors
- All adults 65 years or older

New recommendations:

- Series completion can occur with the use of:
 - PCV20 alone or PCV15 in series with PPSV23

Reference: CDC Pneumococcal

PREVNAR 20™ (PNEUMOCOCCAL 20-VALENT CONJUGATE VACCINE)

- Provides protection against the following *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes:
 - 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 8, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 15B, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F, and 33F
- Approved for adults ≥ 18 years

Reference: Pfizer

VAXNEUVANCE™ (PNEUMOCOCCAL 15-VALENT CONJUGATE VACCINE)

- Provides protection against the following *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes:
 - 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F, and 33 F
- Approved for adults ≥ 18 years

Reference: Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

SEROTYPES IN PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATIONS

	1	3	4	5	6A	6B	7F	9V	14	18C	19A	19F	23F	22F	33F	8	10A	11A	12F	15B	2	9N	17F	20
PCV13																								
PCV15																								
PCV20																								
PPSV23																								

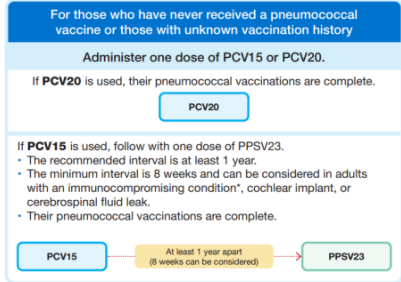
Reference: CDC Current Epidemiology

VACCINE SCHEDULE

Vaccine-naïve patients or unknown vaccination history

Adults 65 years and older

Adults 19 - 64 years with certain underlying medical conditions or risk factors



Reference: CDC Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults-April 1, 2022

IMMUNOCOMPROMISED CONDITIONS

- Alcoholism
- Cerebrospinal fluid leak
- Chronic heart/liver/lung disease^A
- Chronic renal failure^{*}
- Cigarette smoking
- Cochlear implant
- Congenital or acquired asplenia^{*}
- Congenital or acquired immunodeficiencies^{*}
- Diabetes
- Generalized malignancy^{*}
- HIV infection^{*}
- Iatrogenic immunosuppression^{*}
- Leukemia^{*}
- Lymphoma^{*}
- Multiple myeloma^{*}
- Nephrotic syndrome^{*}
- Sickle cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies^{*}
- Solid organ transplants^{*}

^AIncludes congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathies; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, and asthma

^{*}considered an immunocompromised condition

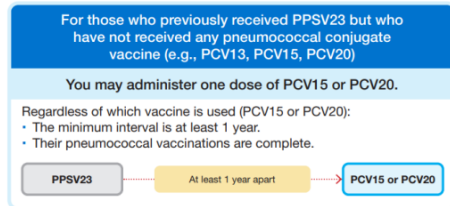
Reference: CDC Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults-April 1, 2022

VACCINE SCHEDULE

No record of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Adults 65 years and older

Adults 19 - 64 years with certain underlying medical conditions or risk factors

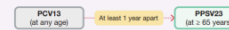


Reference: CDC Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults-April 1, 2022

VACCINE SCHEDULE

- Pneumococcal vaccine timing for adults who previously received PCV13 but have not received all recommended doses of PPSV23

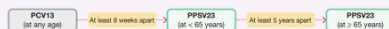
Adults 65 years or older without an immunocompromising condition, cerebrospinal fluid leak, or cochlear implant



CDC recommends 1 dose of PPSV23 at age 65 years or older.** Administer a single dose of PPSV23 at least 1 year after PCV13 was received. Their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.

Reference: CDC Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults-April 1, 2022

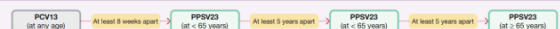
Adults 19 years or older with a cerebrospinal fluid leak or cochlear implant



CDC recommends 1 dose of PPSV23 before age 65 years and 1 dose of PPSV23** at age 65 years or older.** Administer a single dose of PPSV23 at least 8 weeks after PCV13 was received.

- If the adult is 65 years or older, their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.
- If the adult was younger than 65 years old when the first dose of PPSV23 was given, then administer a final dose of PPSV23 once they turn 65 years old and at least 5 years have passed since PPSV23 was first given. Their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.

Adults 19 years or older with an immunocompromising condition



CDC recommends 2 doses of PPSV23 before age 65 years and 1 dose of PPSV23** at age 65 years or older.** Administer a single dose of PPSV23 at least 8 weeks after PCV13 was received.

- If the patient was younger than 65 years old when the first dose of PPSV23 was given and has not turned 65 years old yet, administer a second dose of PPSV23 at least 5 years after the first dose of PPSV23. This is the last dose of PPSV23 that should be given prior to 65 years of age.
- Once the patient turns 65 years old and at least 5 years have passed since PPSV23 was last given, administer a final dose of PPSV23 to complete their pneumococcal vaccinations.

** For adults who have received PCV13 but have not completed their recommended pneumococcal vaccine series with PPSV23, one dose of PCV20 may be used if PPSV23 is not available. If PCV20 is used, their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.

Reference: CDC Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults-April 1, 2022

Number and timing of PPSV23 doses for patients who previously received PCV13 but who have not received all recommended doses of PPSV23, by medical condition

Underlying medical condition or other risk factor	PPSV23** at 19 through 64 years		PPSV23** at ≥ 65 years	* Considered an immunocompromising condition
	Recommended	Reacquisition	Recommended	
None	Not recommended	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose	¹ Includes congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathies
Alcoholism	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, and asthma
Chronic heart disease [†]	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes S- (hereditary) or T-lymphocyte deficiency, complement deficiencies (particularly C1, C2, C3, and C4 deficiencies), and phagocytic disorders (including chronic granulomatous disease)
Chronic liver disease [†]	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Chronic lung disease [†]	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Cigarette smoking	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Diabetes mellitus	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Cochlear implant	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose if PCV13 was iatrogenically given or given as a child	Not recommended	At least 1 year after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after any PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Cerebrospinal fluid leak	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Chronic renal failure [†]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Congenital or acquired asplenia [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Congenital or acquired immunodeficiency [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Wegener's disease [†]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Hodgkin disease [†]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Iatrogenic immunosuppression [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Leukemia [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Lymphoma [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Multiple myeloma [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Nephrotic syndrome [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Sickle cell disease/other hemoglobinopathies [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
Solid organ transplant [*]	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose	Not recommended	At least 8 weeks after PCV13 dose and at least 5 years after last PPSV23 dose at < 65 years	¹ Includes disease requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy

* PCV13 can only be administered by deep injection.

Reference: CDC Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults-April 1, 2022

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE RESOURCES

The *PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor* mobile app* helps vaccination providers quickly and easily determine which pneumococcal vaccines a patient needs and includes ACIP recommendations for all ages.

- Enter a patient's age
- Note if the patient has specific underlying medical conditions
- Answer questions about the patient's pneumococcal vaccination history

*Mobile app and Desktop version maybe downloaded at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/hcp/pneumoapp.html>



Reference: CDC PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor Mobile App for Vaccine Providers

The tool is very easy to use. Follow the prompts and answer questions pertaining to your patient to receive a recommendation.

Recommendation

Give one dose of PCV15 or PCV20. If PCV20 is used, their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete. If PCV15 is used, follow with one dose of PPSV23 to complete their pneumococcal vaccinations. The recommended interval between PCV15 and PPSV23 is at least 1 year. The minimum interval is 8 weeks and can be considered in adults with immunocompromising conditions¹, cochlear implants, or cerebrospinal fluid leaks.

Patient Characteristics

Age:
19 through 64 years

Risk Factors:
Yes

PCV13:
No prior doses

PPSV23:
No prior doses

Reference: CDC PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor Mobile App for Vaccine Providers

PATIENT CASE #1

Patient is a 75 year old male who received PCV13 three years ago. He is not immunocompromised. He presents to your pharmacy today to pick up his prescriptions and mentions his provider said he is due for another pneumonia shot.

- Which (if any) pneumococcal vaccine will you give him today?

PATIENT CASE #1

- Patient would be due for PPSV23 today
- What if PPSV23 isn't available?
 - Per CDC guidance, can give one dose of PCV20 instead and series would still be considered complete

INFLUENZA VACCINE UPDATES

SUMMARY OF 2021-2022 FLU SEASON

- An estimated 175 million doses of influenza vaccine distributed in the U.S.
- No new safety concerns identified by the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)
- Slight increase in flu activity in 2021-2022 season versus the year prior, but hospitalization rates remain lower than in the four season preceding the pandemic
 - Rate was 5.2 hospitalizations per 100,000 individuals as of February 26, 2022
- The past two flu seasons have been described as "sporadic"
 - Hard to produce efficacy estimates due to historically low flu activity in recent years
 - Difficult to decide which strains to include in the vaccines
 - Uncertainty about what the coming flu season will bring

Reference: ACIP, Medscape

SUMMARY OF 2021-2022 FLU SEASON

- CDC flu burden estimates from October 1, 2021 to June 11, 2022
 - Flu illness: 8 to 13 million
 - Flu hospitalizations: 82,000 to 170,000
 - Flu deaths: 5,000 to 14,000
- Vaccine efficacy studies as of January 2022 do not show statistically significant evidence that the flu vaccine was effective (only ~1.4% effective against Flu A)
- Vaccination can decrease severe illness even if circulating viruses are different from the vaccine

Reference: CDC Flu Burden, Medscape, CDC Flu Dashboard

SUMMARY OF 2021-2022 FLU SEASON

- Flu vaccine coverage for certain patient populations
 - Children: 55.3%
 - Adults 18-49 years: 34.7%
 - Adults 50-64 years: 50.0%
 - Adults 65 years and older: 67.7%
- Rates have decreased by 2-9.5% from previous year depending on the patient population
 - Continued downward trend over past several years

Reference: CDC Flu Dashboard

FLU VACCINES 2022-2023

- Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone ≥ 6 months without contraindications
 - Emphasis on vaccinating high-risk groups and their caregivers/close contacts
- All approved vaccines are quadrivalent
 - 2 strains of influenza A and 2 strains of influenza B
 - Strains were updated this year
- The live, quadrivalent, intranasal flu vaccine; FluMist (LAIV4) is endorsed by American Academy of Pediatrics
 - Approved only for use in children and adults ages 2 through 49 years

Reference: CDC ACIP Recommendations

FLU VACCINE STRAINS

Egg-based IIV4s and LAIV4	Cell-culture-based IIV4 and RIV4
A/Victoria/2570/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like	A/Wisconsin/588/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like
A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like	A/Darwin/6/2021 (H3N2)-like
B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like	B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like
B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like	B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like

Reference: CDC ACIP Recommendations

Manufacturer	Trade Name (vaccine abbreviation) ¹	How Supplied	Mercury Content (mcg Hg/0.5mL)	Age Range <small>Immunize.org</small>
AstraZeneca	FluMist (LAIV4)	0.2 mL (single-use nasal spray)	0	2 through 49 years
GlaxoSmithKline	Fluarix (IIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older ²
	FluLaval (IIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older ²
Sanofi	Flublok (RIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	18 years & older
		0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older ²
	Fluzone (IIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose vial)	0	6 months & older ²
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.25 mL dose)	25	6 through 35 months ³
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.5 mL dose)	25	6 months & older
	Fluzone High-Dose (IIV4-HD)	0.7 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	65 years & older
Seqirus	Afluria (IIV4)	5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.25 mL dose)	24.5	6 through 35 months ³
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.5 mL dose)	24.5	3 years & older
	Fluad (aIIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	3 years & older ²
		0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	65 years & older
	Flucelvax (ccIIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older ²
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.5 mL dose)	25	6 months & older ²

Reference: ACIP

FLU VACCINES 2022-23

- Change in age indication for Flucelvax Quadrivalent
 - Cell-culture based quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (ccIIV4)
 - **Approved in October 2021 for ages ≥ 6 months**
- Now there is an egg-free vaccine available for those as young as 6 months of age

FLU VACCINES 2022-23

- **Adults aged 65 years and older**
 - New recommendation from June 2022 ACIP meeting
 - Should receive one of the following enhanced influenza vaccinations (EIV):
 - Quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIIV4)
 - Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent
 - Quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIIV4)
 - Flud Quadrivalent
 - Quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4)
 - Flublok Quadrivalent
 - No preference for any one of these three vaccines over the other two
 - If none of these are available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then **any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used**

Reference: ACIP

FLU VACCINES 2022-23

- **Immunocompromised patients**
 - May receive any age-appropriate injectable flu vaccine
- **Severe egg allergy**
 - People with a history of egg allergy of any severity should receive any licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate influenza vaccine
 - Severe egg allergy is classified as symptoms more severe than hives
 - Can usually tolerate any flu vaccine but should receive in a medical setting with supervision
 - Flublok Quadrivalent and Flucelvax Quadrivalent are egg-free

Reference: CDC ACIP Recommendations

VACCINATION TIMING

- Timing of flu outbreaks is unpredictable
- Ideally administered by the end of October
 - Continue to offer as long as virus is circulating locally and vaccine is available
- Influenza vaccination during July and August should be avoided in non-pregnant adults unless there is concern that later vaccination might not be possible
 - Vaccination too early in the season may lead to suboptimal immunity later on, particularly among older adults
 - Not recommended to repeat a flu vaccine due to fears of waning from vaccinating early in the season

Reference: ACIP

VACCINE TIMING FOR CHILDREN

- Children 6 months to 8 years should receive two doses if they have not received at least two doses previously
- Should receive the first dose as soon as possible
 - Second dose should be given at least 4 weeks later
 - Does NOT have to be the same vaccine product for both doses
 - Pay attention to dose volume if vaccinating children 6 to 35 months
- For children who need two doses, if the child turns nine years old between doses one and two of the vaccine, two doses are still recommended
- Vaccination may occur as soon as vaccine is available
 - Less evidence to suggest that early vaccination is associated with waning immunity among children as compared with adults

Reference: ACIP, Michigan.gov

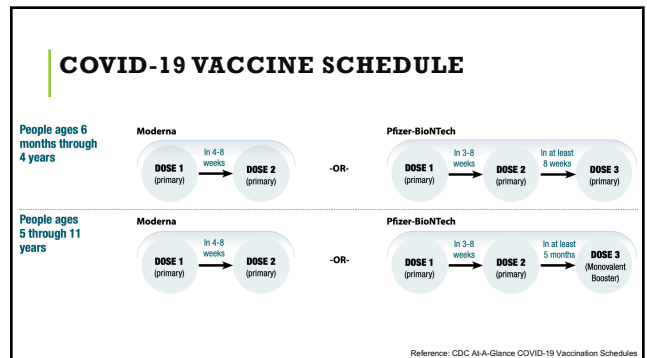
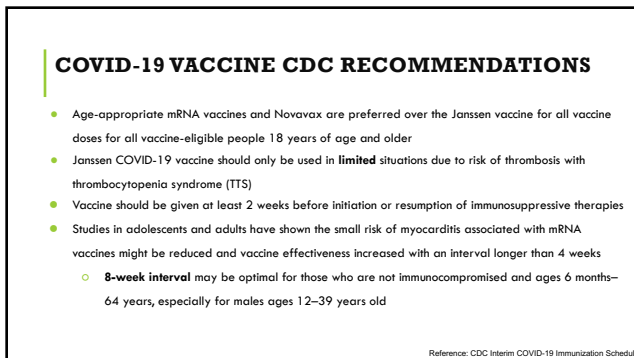
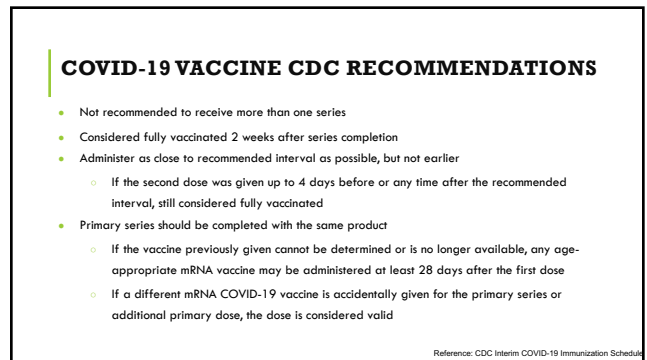
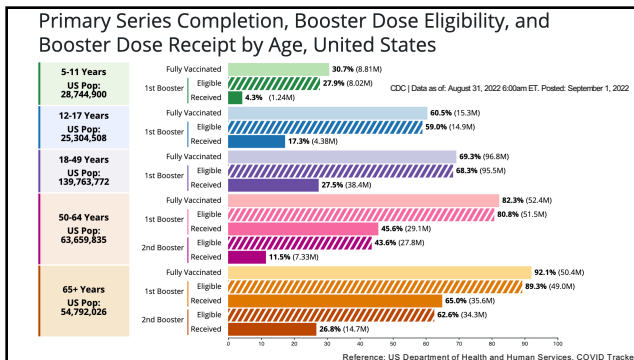
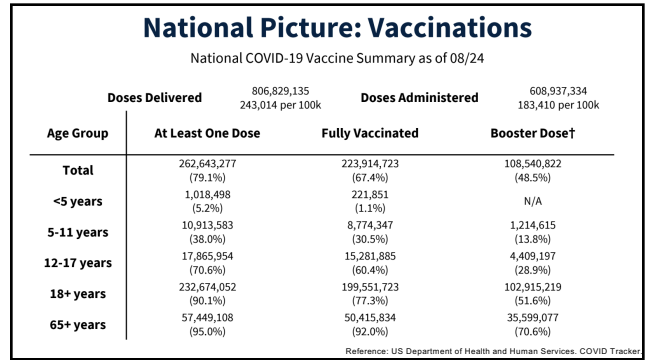
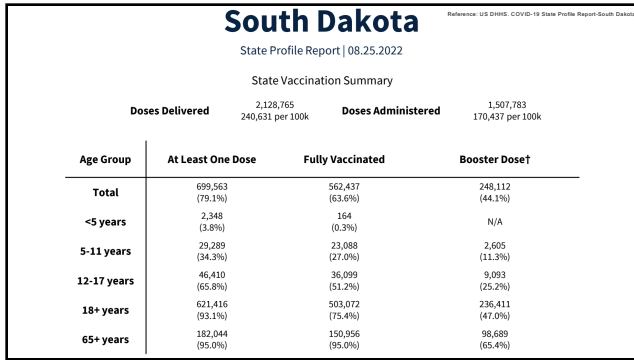
COADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

- Current guidance indicates that the COVID-19 vaccines may be given with other vaccines
 - Encouraged by the CDC to avoid missed opportunities to vaccinate
- No data currently available concerning coadministration of authorized COVID-19 vaccines and influenza vaccines
 - Potential for increased reactogenicity
- If coadministered, COVID-19 vaccines and those that might be more likely to cause a local reaction (Flud Quadrivalent or Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent) should be administered in *different* limbs, if possible

Reference: ACIP



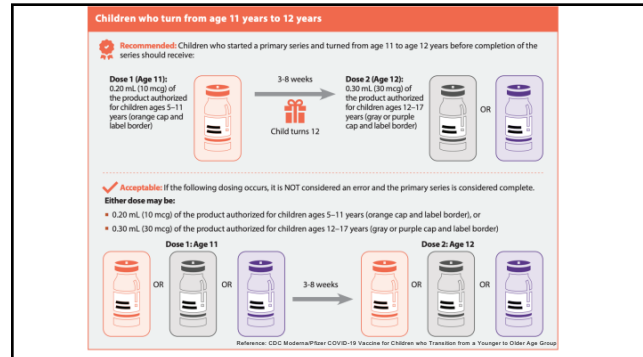
COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE



CHILDREN TRANSITIONING FROM A YOUNGER TO OLDER AGE GROUP

- CDC recommends children receive the age-appropriate vaccine product and dosage based on their age on the **day of vaccination**
 - If a child moves from a younger group to an older group during the primary series or between the primary series and booster, give the vaccine product and dosage for the older age group for all subsequent doses
 - If inadvertently continued with lower dose, it is NOT considered an error and the primary series is still considered complete
- Many caveats and gets confusing quickly
 - Use CDC recommendations to ensure the correct vaccine product and dose is used

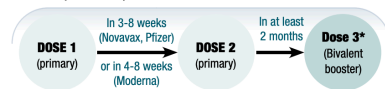
Reference: CDC Moderna/Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group



COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULE

People ages 12 years and older

Moderna, Novavax, or Pfizer-BioNTech



Reference: CDC AI-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules

COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULE

People ages 18 years and older who previously received Janssen primary series dose¹



Multi-dose vial: 5 doses per vial
Dose: 0.5 mL
Dilution Required: No
Storage: Fridge up to 6 hours or room temp up to 2 hours

Reference: CDC AI-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules, CDC Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

PFIZER VACCINE PRODUCTS

Vial cap color	Maroon Cap	Orange Cap	Gray Cap	Purple Cap
Ages	6 months through 4 years	5 through 11 years	12 years and older	
Diluent*	2.2 mL per vial	1.3 mL per vial	No diluent	1.8 mL per vial
Beyond-use date/time	Use within 12 hours after mixing.	Use within 12 hours after mixing.	Use within 12 hours after first puncture.	Use within 6 hours after mixing.

* Diluent: Use sterile 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline, preservative free) included in the ancillary supply kit. Do not use bacteriostatic 0.9% sodium chloride or any other diluent.

Dose: 3 µg (0.2 mL) Dose: 10 µg (0.2 mL) Dose: 30 µg (0.3 mL) Dose: 30 µg (0.3 mL)

Reference: CDC Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Products AI-A-Glance

MODERNA VACCINE PRODUCTS

Authorized Age group	6 months–5 years (primary series)	6–11 years (primary series)	12 years and older (primary series)
Vial cap color	Dark blue	Dark blue	Red
Label border color	Magenta	Purple	Light blue
Dose (mRNA concentration)	25 mcg	50 mcg	100 mcg
Injection volume	0.25 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL (primary, age 12+);
Dilution required	No	No	No
Doses per vial	10	5	Maximum of 11

Reference: ACIP Interim Clinical Considerations Update

BIVALENT BOOSTER VACCINES

- The FDA approved bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines on August 31, 2022
 - The ACIP followed with approval on September 1, 2022
- New boosters are **bivalent**, meaning "original" vaccine + an Omicron variant component
- Designed to generate immune responses to the original version of the coronavirus vaccine and to BA.5 (the Omicron subvariant that is now dominant)
- Inclusion of a second SARS-CoV-2 variant into the vaccine broadens the antibody response
- As with monovalent, the bivalent boosters are interchangeable
 - May receive a Pfizer or Moderna booster that is different from the primary series or last booster dose
 - Cannot get a bivalent booster without first completing at least a primary series
- If recently had COVID, should wait at least until symptoms have resolved before getting a booster
 - May want to wait a full three months after COVID-19 infection

Reference: ACIP meeting 9/1/2022

Current (Monovalent) COVID-19 vaccines

50µg Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
50µg of spike protein from 'ancestral' ('original') SARS-CoV-2

30µg Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
30µg of spike protein from 'ancestral' ('original') SARS-CoV-2

Updated (Bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines

50µg Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
25µg of spike protein from 'ancestral' ('original') SARS-CoV-2
25µg of spike protein from Omicron (BA.4/BA.5) SARS-CoV-2

30µg Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
15µg of spike protein from 'ancestral' ('original') SARS-CoV-2
15µg of spike protein from Omicron (BA.4/BA.5) SARS-CoV-2

Bivalent vaccines have the **same** total antigen amount as monovalent vaccines

Reference: ACIP meeting 9/1/2022

PFIZER-BIONTECH BIVALENT VACCINE

Authorization: for use in individuals **12 years of age and older** as a single booster dose administered at least **2 months** after either:

- Completion of primary vaccination with any monovalent COVID-19 vaccine, or
- Receipt of the most recent booster dose with any monovalent COVID-19 vaccine

Dose: 0.3 mL

Storage:

- Thawed vials may be kept at refrigerated temps (35°F to 46°F) for up to 10 weeks prior to use
- May be stored at room temperature (46°F to 77°F) for a total of 12 hours prior to the first puncture
- After first puncture, vial should be held between 35°F to 77°F then discarded 12 hours after first puncture

Vials:

- Vials are multi-dose and contain 6 doses per vial (do **NOT** dilute)
- Pfizer bivalent vials have **GRAY** colored caps (same as the current monovalent product) but labels differentiate the formulations

Reference: Pfizer Bivalent EUA

MODERNA BIVALENT VACCINE

Authorization: for use in individuals **18 years of age and older** as a single booster dose administered at least **2 months** after either:

- Completion of primary vaccination with any monovalent COVID-19 vaccine, or
- Receipt of the most recent booster dose with any monovalent COVID-19 vaccine

Dose: 0.5 mL

Storage:

- Store at refrigerated temperatures of 36°F to 46°F after thawing from frozen storage
- Vials may be stored refrigerated between 36°F to 46°F for up to 30 days prior to first use
- Punctured vials should be held at 46°F to 77°F and discarded 12 hours after the first puncture

Vials:

- Vials are multi-dose and contain 5 doses per vial (no dilution)
- Same size as previous Moderna vials and have a **dark blue** vial cap

Reference: Moderna Bivalent EUA

CDC COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER TOOL

- Quickly determine if a patient is eligible for a booster
 - Includes vaccine product option(s) and dosing intervals
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/vaccines/booster-when-you-can-get-booster>
- Scroll down and click "Find Out When to Get a Booster" link
 - Enter age, immunocompromised or not, and primary series information

Find Out When You Can Get Your Booster



Boosters are an important part of protecting yourself from getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19. They are recommended for most people.

Use this tool to determine when or if you (or your child) can get one or more COVID-19 boosters.

[Find Out When to Get a Booster >](#)

Reference: CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

NOVAVAX COVID-19 VACCINE

- Novavax Inc.'s adjuvanted COVID-19 vaccine
- First protein-based COVID-19 vaccine authorized in the U.S.
- Two-dose primary series for those **12 years and older**
 - 0.5 mL given intramuscularly 21 days apart (no dilution)
 - Store in the refrigerator and discard vial 6 hours after first puncture
- 2 myocarditis cases across 2 study populations during trials
 - Since the trial, Novavax has reported 35 spontaneous reports of potential myocarditis or pericarditis from a total of 744,000 doses given worldwide
- Unclear how it will perform against the Omicron variant
- An option for those who were hesitant to get an mRNA or viral vector based vaccine

Reference: Novavax, Inc.; Pharmacy Times

MYOCARDITIS OR PERICARDITIS WITH MRNA VACCINE

- Precaution to a subsequent dose of any COVID-19 vaccine
 - If decision is made to receive another dose after risk assessment, wait until after the episode has resolved
- Males ages 18 years and older
 - If want to receive a subsequent dose, Janssen may be considered instead of mRNA vaccines
- History of myocarditis or pericarditis unrelated to mRNA COVID-19 vaccination may receive any age-appropriate vaccine after the episode has resolved

Reference: CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

JANSSEN VACCINE CONSIDERATIONS

- Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS)
 - A history of GBS is a precaution for Janssen vaccine (mRNA vaccine preferred)
 - Those who develop GBS within 6 weeks of vaccination should only receive an mRNA vaccine for subsequent doses
- Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)
 - Rare (~4 cases per one million doses administered)
 - Causes blood clots in large blood vessels and low platelets
 - Should receive a dose of an mRNA vaccine as a booster dose at least 2 months after Janssen vaccine and after condition has stabilized
- Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)
 - History of an episode of spontaneous or classic HIT should receive an mRNA vaccine

Reference: CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

PRIOR OR CURRENT COVID-19 INFECTION

- Offer regardless of history of symptomatic/asymptomatic COVID-19 or exposure
 - Viral or serologic testing to assess for prior infection is not recommended
- Defer vaccination in those with an active infection until recovered
 - Those without any vaccine history OR
 - Those who are infected after the first dose of an mRNA vaccine
- May consider delaying primary series or booster by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test
- Vaccination is not recommended for post-exposure prophylaxis
- Vaccine can be given at any interval after receiving passive antibody therapy
 - Monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma

Reference: CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Research and development for COVID-19 vaccines continues on
 - 137 COVID-19 vaccine candidates undergoing clinical trials and 194 candidates in pre-clinical development in January 2022
 - Some of the potential vaccine candidates undergoing trials include:
 - Oral bacterial vector vaccine that could have vaccine-like activity in the intestines
 - Intranasal vaccines
 - Self-amplifying nucleic acid vaccines
 - Many more

Reference: Gavi.org

PATIENT CASE #2

A 16 year old male presents to your pharmacy with his mother and requests a COVID-19 vaccination prior to the upcoming school year. He is not immunocompromised.

- Which vaccine(s) is he eligible to receive?

After administering the vaccine, the patient's mother raises concerns about myocarditis that she heard about on the news.

- How do you counsel the family?
- What dosing interval would you suggest to complete the series?

PATIENT CASE #2

Vaccine options:

- Moderna 2 dose series
- Pfizer 2 dose series
- Novavax 2 dose series
- Could also get **Pfizer** bivalent booster 2 months after completing primary series (regardless of which primary series is chosen)
 - Not Moderna since it's only approved for 18 years and older
 - No Novavax boosters currently available
- Cannot get J&J since he's not 18
 - Not a preferred option anyways

PATIENT CASE #2

- Myocarditis (inflammation of heart muscle) is a rare but serious potential side effect
- The benefits of getting the COVID-19 vaccination still outweigh the small potential risk of developing this condition
- Some studies have shown the small risk of myocarditis might be reduced and vaccine effectiveness may be increased with a longer interval between doses
- **Recommend an 8-week interval since the patient is a male between the age of 12-39 and is not immunocompromised**



OTHER VACCINE UPDATES

SHINGRIX (ZOSTER VACCINE RECOMBINANT, ADJUVANTED)

- FDA approved for prevention of herpes zoster in those ≥ 18 who are or will be at an increased risk due to immunosuppression or immunodeficiency caused by a known therapy or disease
- Shorter vaccine schedule may be recommended in some cases

Reference: GSK 2021, Hippenstele A.

IMMUNOCOMPROMISED CONDITIONS FOR SHINGRIX

- Hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) recipients
- Solid organ transplant recipients
- Patients with cancer
- Persons living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- Patients with autoimmune and inflammatory conditions

Reference: CDC Clinical Considerations for Use of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)

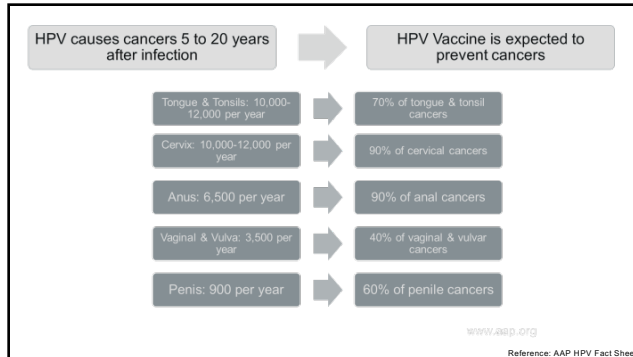
- HPV is a very common virus that can cause cancers later in life
 - HPV is transmitted through intimate skin-to-skin contact with an infected person
 - ~36,000 cancers are caused by HPV in the United States each year

Reference: CDC. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination: What Everyone Should Know

HPV: BURDEN OF DISEASE

- HPV can cause cervical, vulvar, and vaginal cancer in females, penile cancer in males, and anal and oropharyngeal cancer in both females and males
 - HPV vaccination could prevent >90% of cancers caused by HPV from ever developing
 - This is an estimated 33,700 cases in the United States every year
- Cervical cancer is the only type of cancer caused by HPV with a recommended screening test for detection at an early stage
 - Other cancers may not be detected until they cause health problems

Reference: CDC. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Information for Clinicians



HPV PREVENTION

The HPV vaccines are prophylactic and can be considered **CANCER PREVENTION**

- The vaccine does not:
 - Prevent progression of HPV infection to disease
 - Decrease time to clearance of HPV infection
 - Treat HPV-related disease
- HPV vaccination has resulted in significant declines in prevalence of vaccine-type HPV infections, anogenital warts, and cervical precancers

Reference: HPV-immunize.org

HPV VACCINE: GARDASIL®9

- Inactivated 9-valent vaccine (9vHPV)
 - Contains 7 cancer-causing HPV types (16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58)
 - Two HPV types that cause most genital warts (6 and 11)
- Approved by the FDA in December 2014
 - Only HPV vaccine available in US market
- Licensed for females and males age 9 through 45 years

Reference: HPV-immunize.org; Merck Vaccines

HPV VACCINE

HPV vaccine is not a "live" vaccine

• Administration of a different inactivated or live vaccine is acceptable at the same visit

Vaccine supplied as:

- Refrigerated vaccine
- Single-dose vial or prefilled syringe

Dosage and administration:

- Each dose is 0.5 mL
- Intramuscular (IM) injection to the deltoid area is preferred

Side effects:

- Syncope; other reactions include injection site reaction (redness, swelling), headache, and fever

Reference: Merck.com-Gardasil9 package insert

ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HPV VACCINE

- Routine HPV vaccination **initiated at age 11 or 12 years**
 - May be started as early as 9 years of age
- Also recommended for all people age 13 to 26 years who have not been vaccinated previously or who have not completed the vaccination series

Reference: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) ACIP Vaccine Recommendations

ACIP SCHEDULE FOR HPV VACCINE

For adolescents who **start the vaccination series before the 15th birthday**

- **2-dose** HPV vaccine schedule is recommended

For all people who **start the series on or after the 15th birthday** and for people with **certain immunocompromising conditions** (such as cancer, HIV infection, or taking immunosuppressive drugs)

- **3-dose** schedule is recommended

Reference: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) ACIP Vaccine Recommendations

ACIP SCHEDULE FOR HPV VACCINE

Patients ages 9 – 14		Patients ages 15 – 45*	
Regimen	Schedule	Regimen	Schedule
2-dose ^a	0, 6 to 12 months	3-dose	0, 2, 6 months
3-dose	0, 2, 6 months		

All the second dose is administered earlier than 6 months after the first dose, administer a third dose at least 4 months after the second dose.

* Catch-up vaccinations for those 26 years old and older are not recommended, however, shared clinical decision making is appropriate for adults aged 27-45 who may not be adequately vaccinated.

Reference: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) ACIP Vaccine Recommendations

HPV & IMMUNIZE SD

- "2 by 10" HPV Vaccination Project through ImmunizeSD
 - Project goal is to increase HPV vaccination rates in children aged 9 and 10 in South Dakota
- Strategies
 - Provider education
 - Community awareness
 - Parents and guardians
- More information at <https://www.immunizesd.org>

MONKEYPOX

- Virus
 - "cousin" to smallpox
 - Discovered in 1958
- Source of disease is unknown
 - Possible rodent carrier
 - Previous outbreak in US tied to importation of animals for pets
 - There are two types of monkeypox virus:
 - Clade I
 - Clade II
- Current 2022 outbreak
 - West African Clade II

Reference: CDC, Monkeypox

MONKEYPOX

- Burden of disease
 - Rarely fatal
- Symptoms
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches/backache
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Respiratory symptoms (sore throat, nasal congestion, cough)
 - Rash (hallmark symptom)
 - Pimples or blisters that appears on the face, inside the mouth, and on other parts of the body, like the hands, feet, chest, genitals, or anus
 - Rash will go through various stages, typically last 2 to 4 weeks
- Spread
 - From person to person through direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids
 - Respiratory secretions during prolonged face-to-face contact or during intimate physical contact

Reference: CDC, Monkeypox

MONKEYPOX

- Treatment
 - No treatments specific for monkeypox
 - Antivirals used to treat smallpox may be used
- Vaccination
 - Vaccines designed for smallpox may be used
 - Routine vaccination for smallpox ended in 1970s
 - 2015 – ACIP – pre-exposure prophylaxis with ACAM2000
 - 2022 – ACIP – JYNNEOS pre-exposure prophylaxis as an alternative to ACAM2000 for certain persons at risk for exposure to orthopoxviruses
- Who should get vaccinated?
 - People who have been exposed to monkeypox or may be more likely to get monkeypox

Reference: CDC, Monkeypox, ACIP - MMWR

MONKEYPOX VACCINES

ACAM2000

- FDA approved for smallpox
- Does not contain smallpox virus, but a "live" vaccinia virus
- Special Considerations for Administration
 - Two-pronged stainless steel (or bifurcated) needle is dipped into the vaccine solution and the skin is pricked several times in the upper arm with a droplet of the vaccine
 - Virus begins growing at the injection site causing a localized infection or "pock" to form
- Side Effects and Considerations
 - Contraindicated in pregnancy, immunocompromised, skin conditions
 - Can be "spread"
 - Side effects: itching, sore arm, fever, headache, body ache, mild rash, fatigue, myocarditis/pericarditis
- Vaccine is **not** commercially available

Reference: CDC, Monkeypox, FDA, ACAM2000 package insert

MONKEYPOX VACCINES

JYNNEOS

- FDA approved for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox in 2019
- EUA approval August 2022 for those determined to be at *high risk* for infections
 - 18+ intradermal
 - <18 subcutaneous
- Dosage and Administration
 - 2 dose series; 0.5 mL per dose, 28 days apart
 - Given subcutaneously in the upper arm (deltoid)
 - **LIVE**-attenuated vaccine
- Side Effects and Considerations
 - No severe adverse events in immunocompromised patients
 - Should not receive if you have had allergic reaction after a previous dose, or have a history of allergic reaction to gentamicin, ciprofloxacin or chicken/egg protein
 - Side effects: redness and itching at the spot where the vaccine is given as well as headache, tiredness, nausea, chills, and muscle aches
 - Safer administration, no "special" needle necessary
 - COVID-19 vaccines may be delayed by 4 weeks if the JYNNEOS vaccine is given first

Reference: CDC. Monkeypox. FDA. Jynneos package insert



VACCINES IN PREGNANCY

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- No evidence of risk to the fetus from vaccinating pregnant women with inactivated virus or bacterial vaccines or toxoids
- Live vaccines pose a theoretical risk to the fetus
 - Live, attenuated virus and live bacterial vaccines generally are contraindicated during pregnancy
 - Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), MMR, Varicella
- *MotherToBaby* website has vaccine-related resources for those who are pregnant or breastfeeding

Reference: ACOG, MotherToBaby, CDC Guidelines for Vaccinating Pregnant Women

INFLUENZA

- May receive any age-appropriate injectable flu vaccine regardless of thimerosal content
- Vaccination soon *after* vaccine becomes available may be considered during the third trimester
 - Shown to reduce risk of influenza illness of their infants during the first months of life

Reference: CDC ACIP Recommendations

COVID-19 AND PREGNANCY

- Growing body of evidence on the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination shows the benefits of vaccination outweigh any known or potential risks during pregnancy
- V-Safe pregnancy registry did not find an increased risk of miscarriage with vaccination in early pregnancy
- No known evidence of fertility problems in men or women
- Acetaminophen should be recommended if a pregnant patient experiences a fever, for any reason, due to potential for adverse outcomes

Reference: CDC-COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding, ACOG, Mayo Clinic

COVID-19 AND BREASTFEEDING

- Vaccination is recommended by the CDC
 - Limited data on safety and effects of vaccination on milk production or babies
- COVID-19 vaccines cannot cause infection in the mother or their children
 - The vaccine is effective at preventing COVID-19 in mothers who are breastfeeding
- Mothers who received mRNA COVID-19 vaccines have been found to have antibodies in their breast milk which could provide protection for babies
 - More data is needed to identify what protection may be provided

Reference: CDC-COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding, ACOG

TDAP

- CDC recommends all women receive a Tdap vaccine during the 27th through 36th week of each pregnancy
 - Preferably during the earlier part of this time period
- Protects against whooping cough, which can be deadly in infants

Reference: National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

Vaccine*	Indicated During Every Pregnancy	May Be Given During Pregnancy in Certain Populations	Contraindicated During Pregnancy	Can Be Initiated Postpartum or When Breastfeeding or Both
Inactivated influenza	X ^{1,2}			X ¹
Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap)	X ^{1,3,4}			X ¹
Pneumococcal vaccines		X ^{5,6}		X ^{5,6}
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) and Meningococcal serogroup B		X ^{1,7}		X ^{1,7}
Hepatitis A		X ^{8,9}		X ^{8,9}
Hepatitis B		X ^{8,9,10}		X ^{8,9,10}
Human papillomavirus (HPV)**				X ^{11,12}
Measles-mumps-rubella			X ^{11,12,14}	X ¹¹
Varicella			X ^{1,12,15,16}	X ¹¹

*An "X" indicates that the vaccine can be given in this window. See the corresponding numbered footnote for details.

Reference: ACOG Maternal Immunization

PATIENT CASE #3

Patient is a 67 year old female with diabetes. She comes to your pharmacy asking if she is up-to-date on her vaccinations. When you look up her vaccine history in SDIIS, you see the following information:

Influenza (Fluzone Quad)	11/4/21	
COVID-19 (Janssen)	2/3/21	11/20/21
Tdap	7/10/10	
Shingrix	4/12/21	
Zostavax	2/10/10	

Is she up to date on her vaccinations?

If not, which vaccine(s) do you recommend?

PATIENT CASE #3

- COVID-19
 - Due for a booster
 - Recommend a bivalent mRNA booster
- Influenza
 - Recommend an enhanced influenza vaccine (if available)
 - Fluzone HD, Flud, Flublok
- Pneumococcal
 - Pneumococcal naive, over 65 years old, and has diabetes
 - PCV20 alone OR PCV15 followed by PCV23 given at least 1 year later

PATIENT CASE #3

- Tdap
 - Update every 10 years
- Shingrix
 - Due for second dose, no need to restart series
- Hepatitis B
 - Per updated recommendations, no screening required even if patient is not at high risk
 - Shared clinical decision-making



ADDRESSING VACCINE HESITANCY

ADULT VACCINATION RATES IN THE U.S.

- Article published in May 2021 in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report reviewed vaccination rates during certain time periods:
 - August 2017 to June 2018 for influenza vaccination
 - January 2018 to December 2018 for pneumococcal, herpes zoster, tetanus, and diphtheria (Td/Tdap), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination
- Coverage appears to have increased from 2010 to 2018 for most vaccines
 - Influenza (adults aged ≥19 years: 46%)
 - Pneumococcal (adults aged ≥65 years: 69%)
 - Herpes zoster (adults aged ≥50 years and aged ≥60 years: 24% and 35%, respectively)
 - Tetanus (adults aged ≥19 years: 62.9%)
 - Tdap (adults aged ≥19 years: 31.2%)
 - Hepatitis A (adults aged ≥19 years: 12%)
 - HPV (females aged 19-26 years: 53%)

Reference: Lu PJ, US Pharmacist

VACCINE HESITANCY



- Vaccine hesitancy is a delay in acceptance or a refusal of vaccines despite the availability of vaccination services
- WHO defines it as **indecision about vaccine acceptance**
 - Has been identified as a major threat to global health
 - Complex mix of cultural, psychosocial, spiritual, political, and cognitive factors
 - Varies across time, place & vaccines

Shiain (Cindy) Shen, Vinita Dubey: Addressing vaccine hesitancy

VACCINE HESITANCY

- Hesitancy is **not** new
 - Has increased over the years due to many diseases being almost eradicated with the use of vaccinations
 - Emotional/cognitive response to assessment of risk/benefit of immunization
- COVID-19 vaccines are among the highest regarding hesitancy
 - Possibly causing more hesitancy to "spill" over to other vaccinations
 - Vaccines for Children (VFC) program has noticed a decrease in vaccine order levels & childhood vaccination rates

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VACCINE HESITANCY

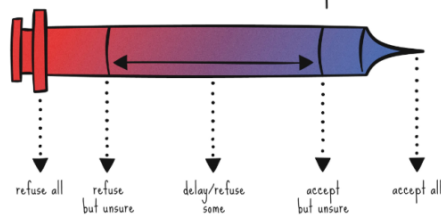
- Can be an uncomfortable topic, not only with patients, but also family, friends, and colleagues
- Hesitancy has a broad spectrum
 - Attitudes towards vaccines fall on a *continuum*
 - Be prepared to adapt to different thoughts and modify conversations
 - Important to target and address attitudes, social processes, motivation, and access and other structural issues to nudge individuals toward vaccine acceptance

*The more you try to insert information and advice into others,
the more they tend to back off and resist.*

Stephen Rollnick, co-founder of Motivational Interviewing

Reference: BMJ Open. When Vaccine Apathy, Not Hesitancy, Drives Vaccine Disinterest

Continuum of Vaccine Acceptance



Reference: Building Trust in Vaccination

VACCINE HESITANCY AND THE "3 C'S"

- Confidence**
 - A lack of trust in:
 - The effectiveness and safety of vaccines
 - The system that delivers vaccines (healthcare professional, health system, etc.)
 - Motivations of policy-makers who make determinations about vaccines
- Complacency**
 - Low perceived risk of vaccine-preventable diseases and therefore it is assumed vaccines are not needed
 - Other issues are considered more important
- Convenience**
 - Degree to which the comfort, convenience, time, place, and quality of a vaccine affects uptake of the vaccine
 - Total acceptance to complete refusal

Reference: Vaccine Practice for Health Professionals

ADDRESSING VACCINE HESITANCY

- Start early (postnatal visits)
- Presenting vaccination as the default approach (presumptive)
- Build trust
 - Listen to & acknowledge concerns
 - Provide education to help answer questions
- Be honest about side effects & provide reassurance on vaccine safety (VAERS)
- Focus on protection of the child and community
 - Facts or statistics may be presented
- Tell personal stories
 - Personal statements by healthcare professional and about what you would do for your own family/children
 - Personal experiences with other patients

Reference: Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy

COMMUNICATION APPROACHES

Presumptive vs. Participatory Approach

- Lead the conversation with a statement instead of a question
 - Tell patients they need a vaccine(s)
 - Works well for most vaccinations, especially routine vaccinations or series vaccinations
 - Has increased vaccine acceptance rates when coming from HCP

"You need XYZ vaccine today" vs. "Do you want XYZ vaccine today?"

"Today we are going to give you/your child the recommended vaccines to keep you/your child healthy"

Reference: PMD, Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy

COMMUNICATION APPROACHES



Reference: Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING: O.A.R.S



- Ask **Open-ended Questions**
 - Gives patient the opportunity to "tell their story" without leading in a specific direction
 - Questions that do not "lead" but require more than a "yes" and "no" response
 - Words like "How", "What", "Tell me..."
- Make **Affirmations**
 - Recognize positive behaviors, help build confidence & rapport
- Use **Reflection**
 - Listen to understand/clarify patient questions and concerns
 - Listener to reflect on words spoken, emotions and/or behaviors
- **Summarize**
 - Reinforces what has been discussed and ensures clear communication
 - Use summaries throughout conversation (may help to shift direction of conversation) and at conclusion of visit to confirm both listener and patient understanding

Reference: Motivational Interviewing: The Basics, OARS, nicic.gov

O.A.R.S EXAMPLES

- **Open-ended Questions**
 - Help me understand...?
 - What... brings you to the pharmacy today?
 - Who... have you talked to about immunizations?
 - How... have you made decisions before about immunizations?
- **Affirmations**
 - It's great that you are here today...
 - It sounds like you've been really thoughtful about your decision
 - It is good to ask questions about...
- **Reflection**
 - Words: Some of what I heard you say...
 - Emotions: You seem to be feeling [sad, frustrated, excited, confused]
 - Behavior: I noticed... [you smiled when..., you frowned when...]
- **Summarize**
 - Let's go over what we have talked about so far...
 - So you've just described your plan. We're always here to help in any way. What other questions do you have before you leave today?

Reference: Motivational Interviewing: Preparing People for Change

BOOSTING VACCINATION RATES

Immunize at EVERY opportunity

- Consider every patient encounter a potential vaccination opportunity

Use reminder & recall systems

- Text messages, email, letters, postcards, and health system app(s)

Implement standing orders

- Allow for assessment and vaccination of the patient by an authorized healthcare professional (pharmacist) without need for clinician examination or direct order from provider at the time of interaction

Review patient vaccination history

- Review your patient's immunization record (both your internal medical record and information available in the immunization registry) and flag the patient's profile/chart if your patient is due for vaccine(s)

Educate

- Build trust in vaccines
- Vaccine-hesitant parents who are on the fence far outnumber vaccine refusers so counseling this group might be more effective

Reference: Building Trust in Vaccination, J Am Pharm Assoc

COADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES FOR ADULTS

- With a few rare exceptions, all vaccines can be administered at the **same** visit
- No upper limit for the number of vaccines that can be administered during a visit
- ACIP and AAP recommend that **all** needed vaccines be administered during a visit
 - Vaccination should *not* be deferred because multiple vaccines are needed
- All live vaccines can be given at the same visit, if indicated
 - MMR, varicella, live attenuated influenza, yellow fever, and oral typhoid
 - If live vaccines are not administered during the same visit, they should be separated by *at least 4 weeks*

Reference: IAC, CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

COADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES FOR ADULTS

- When giving several injections at a single visit, separate IM vaccines by at least 1 inch if possible and document the location of each injection
- Administer the COVID-19 vaccines and vaccines that may be more likely to cause a local reaction in different limbs, if possible
 - Ex. tetanus-toxoid-containing and adjuvanted vaccines
- Consider implementing a vaccine screening form at your pharmacy to aid in identifying which vaccines a patient is eligible for when they present

Reference: IAC, CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

"CAN I STILL GET A VACCINE TODAY IF I HAVE A COUGH?"

- Administer vaccines to patients with mild acute illness
 - Avoid missed opportunities to vaccinate
 - Mild acute illness with or without fever is *not* a contraindication to vaccination
- Consider delaying vaccination with moderate to severe illness
 - Vaccination side effects may make it difficult to assess management of acute illness
- Delay vaccination in those with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection
 - Wait until patients are no longer acutely ill to avoid exposing healthcare personnel and other patients
 - Remind patients to return for vaccination once recovered

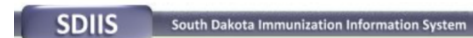
Reference: CDC ACIP Recommendations

"CAN I STILL GET A VACCINE TODAY IF I'M ON AN ANTIBIOTIC?"

- People with mild illnesses can be vaccinated
- CDC specifically states not to withhold vaccination if a person is taking antibiotics

Reference: CDC Prevacination Checklist

"HOW WILL MY PROVIDER KNOW I RECEIVED THIS VACCINE?"



- Computer software system that allows health care providers to share immunization records
 - Cannot be accessed by the general public
- Pharmacies are not required to send a copy of vaccine records to providers
- Pharmacies are required to report all administered immunizations to SDIIS within 14 days of the immunization per South Dakota administrative rule

Reference: SD Department of Health, SD Administrative Rule 20:51:28.05

“WHAT DO YOU MEAN I HAVE A COPAY?”

Vaccines Covered by Medicare Part B (no copay)

- COVID-19
- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Hepatitis B (if intermediate to high risk)
- Vaccines related to treatment of injury or direct exposure (tetanus, rabies)

Vaccines Covered by Medicare Part D (may have a copay)

- Vaccines not covered by Part B, including:
 - Shingles
 - Tdap
 - Hepatitis A (when medically necessary)
 - Varicella (chicken pox)

Reference: Medicare Interactive, MN Department of Health



LEARNING ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

1. **True or False:** PCV13 continues to be recommended by the CDC as a routine pneumococcal vaccination for adults.

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

1. **False:** It is now only recommended for use in all babies and children younger than 2 years old and children 2 through 18 years old with certain medical conditions.

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

2. **True or False:** Egg allergy is a contraindication to receiving an influenza vaccination.

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

2. **False:** Reported egg allergy is not a contraindication to flu vaccination.

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

3. When addressing vaccine hesitancy using the "3 C's" (confidence, convenience, and complacency), confidence refers to:

- A. Access, affordability, and willingness to pay for vaccines and services
- B. Lack of trust in safety and efficacy of vaccine and/or competence of healthcare professionals, health system, and policy makers
- C. The perceived risk of disease is low, thus need to vaccinate is low
- D. A decision made on social responsibility

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

3. **B:** Lack of trust in safety and efficacy of vaccine and/or competence of healthcare professionals, health system, and policy makers

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

4. Which of the following are tools that can be used to verify which vaccinations an individual has already received?

- A. Online immunization information systems
- B. Electronic medical records
- C. Patient-reported vaccination history
- D. All of the above

PHARMACIST QUESTIONS

4. **D:** All of the above

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

1. **True or False:** Only adults over the age of 65 are eligible to receive a pneumococcal vaccination.

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

1. **False:** Pneumococcal vaccination, depending on which vaccine is used, is recommended for use in ages ranging from infants to elderly.

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

2. **True or False:** If you are 65 or older, you can receive a standard quadrivalent influenza vaccine.

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

2. **True:** The CDC continues to recommend vaccinating against the flu with any available flu vaccine. Any flu vaccine is better than no vaccination.

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

3. **True or False:** Vaccine hesitancy is a new issue facing healthcare today.

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

3. **False:** Vaccine hesitancy has existed for decades and will continue to be an obstacle for healthcare professionals.

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

4. Which of the following vaccinations is covered by Medicare Part D?

- A. Pneumococcal
- B. Hepatitis B
- C. Influenza
- D. Tdap

TECHNICIAN QUESTIONS

4. **D:** Tdap

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