

Key Vaccination Resources for Healthcare Professionals

With so many vaccination training materials available, it can be difficult for providers to determine which ones best suit their needs. The key resources listed below provide a strong foundation for building and sustaining vaccination skills. They also offer tools for staying up to date and references to address specific clinical situations.

The key resources shown below are divided into several helpful categories:

- 1 **Foundational content** with which every vaccinator should be familiar,
- 2 **Supplemental content** useful after completing foundational training,
- 3 **Additional tools** to help providers grow in vaccination expertise, and
- 4 **Major organization websites** offering additional vaccination resources.

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1 Foundational content for all vaccinators

RESOURCE, DESCRIPTION, HYPERLINK	SOURCE	CONTENT
<p>ACIP's General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization (revised regularly)</p> <p>Previously known as <i>General Recommendations</i>. Components include: Timing and spacing of vaccines, contraindications and precautions, preventing and managing adverse events, vaccine administration, storage and handling, altered immunocompetence, vaccination records, and more. (HTML or PDF, 190+ pages)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs ▶ UPDATES: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/general-recs-errata.html</p>	CDC	Scheduling Storage Screening Technique
<p>U.S. Immunization Schedules (revised annually)</p> <p>U.S. immunization schedules for children/adolescents and adults in various formats, as well as easy-to-read versions for the public. Corresponding app available for iOS or Android. (PDF)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html ▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html</p>	CDC	Scheduling
<p>CDC's Recommended and Minimum Ages and Intervals Between Vaccine Doses</p> <p>Scroll down to Table 3.2. Easy-to-read table showing ages and intervals. (HTML or PDF)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/timing.html#t-02</p>	CDC	Scheduling
<p>CDC's Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) and translations into 45+ languages</p> <p>Immunize.org's VIS main page includes links to each VIS in English, plus translations in up to 45+ languages, chart of current VIS dates. (PDF)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html ▶ www.immunize.org/vis</p>	CDC Immunize.org	Dialogue

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Immunize.org Handouts: Administering Vaccines	Immunize.org	Technique
<p>Gateway to practical, user-friendly educational materials for staff: free print-ready documents covering site selection, needle length, skills checklist, and more. (PDF)</p>		
<p>▶ www.immunize.org/handouts/administering-vaccines.asp</p>		
CDC's Vaccine Administration Main Page	CDC	Technique
<p>Offers step-by-step guidance on administering vaccines, reviewing patient histories, documentation, plus self-paced vaccine-administration course (CE credit). (variously PDF or HTML, plus video)</p>		
<p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/admin-protocols.html. Instructional videos appear in the Resource Library section at the bottom of this web page.</p>		
Immunize.org: Educational Materials for Healthcare Professional and the Public	Immunize.org	Vaccines Diseases Scheduling Technique Storage
<p>Main web pages lead to dozens of categories of Immunize.org's educational materials, including vaccination schedules, handouts for parents, screening checklists, standing orders, and resources on vaccine storage and handling, adolescent and adult vaccination topics, improving vaccine confidence, and managing fever/pain. (PDF)</p>		
<p>▶ www.immunize.org/handouts</p>		
CDC's Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit	CDC	Storage
<p>Best practices for managing inventory and transport; storing and preparing; monitoring temperature; maintaining storage and temperature-monitoring equipment; preparing for emergency situations; standard operating procedures for routine and emergency management. (PDF, 70 pages)</p>		
<p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html</p>		
IZ Express, free email news service (published weekly)	Immunize.org	News
<p>Provides current information you need to know. Stay up to date on product approvals, recommendations, revised VISs and translations, new resources from Immunize.org and other organizations, new publications, conferences, and CE opportunities. Subscribe at www.immunize.org/subscribe. (Email and HTML)</p>		
<p>▶ www.immunize.org/express</p>		
Ask the Experts – Immunize.org's experienced clinical experts answer vaccine questions	Immunize.org	Vaccines Diseases Scheduling Storage Screening
<p>More than 1,200 practical answers to common questions in dozens of categories, covering vaccine administration, precautions and contraindications, scheduling vaccines, storage and handling, vaccine recommendations, and vaccine safety. (HTML)</p>		
<p>▶ www.immunize.org/askexperts</p>		
State, City, Jurisdiction, or IHS Immunization Program Contacts	Immunize.org	Advice
<p>Immunization Program Websites: www.immunize.org/states</p>		
<p>Program Coordinators: www.immunize.org/coordinators</p>		
<p>Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and vaccination records: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html</p>		

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CDC contact for non-urgent vaccination questions

▶ nipinfo@cdc.gov

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Advice

2 Important supplemental content, rationale, and applied clinical guidance (valuable after foundational training)

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<p>ACIP Recommendations main page</p> <p>Links to dozens of current ACIP recommendations, sortable by vaccine or date, as well as archived recommendations. (HTML and PDF)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html ▶ www.immunize.org/acip</p>	CDC Immunize.org	Vaccines Diseases Screening
<p>Immunize.org's Clinic Tools, Helpful Resources for Your Immunization Practice</p> <p>Seven categories covering administering vaccines, adult vaccination, documentation, scheduling, screening for contraindications, storage and handling, vaccine recommendations, and more. (PDF)</p> <p>▶ www.immunize.org/clinic</p>	Immunize.org	Vaccines Scheduling Storage Technique Storage
<p>Immunization Techniques: Best Practices with Infants, Children, and Adults (2010)</p> <p>California Department of Public Health 25-minute training video on skills for vaccine administration. Covers injectable, oral, and nasal vaccines; selecting, preparing, and administering vaccines; patient comfort, staff safety and training; demonstrations. (DVD)</p> <p>▶ www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsZ6NEijfl&feature=youtu.be ▶ www.immunize.org/dvd (\$17 for one, volume discounts available)</p>	EZIZ Immunize.org	Technique
<p>CHOP VEC's Vaccine- and Vaccine Safety-Related Q&A Sheets for Parents</p> <p>Links to dozens of Q&A sheets about vaccines and vaccine safety (e.g., vaccine ingredients, autism, "too many" vaccines). Available in English and Spanish. (PDF)</p> <p>▶ www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/resources/vaccine-and-vaccine-safety-related-qa-sheets</p>	CHOP VEC	Dialogue
<p>CDC's You Call the Shots web-based training course</p> <p>Dozens of modules that discuss diseases and vaccine recommendations. Each module provides self-test questions, resource materials, glossary, and CE credit. (Online course – slide-based, interactive, no audio)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html</p>	CDC	Vaccines Diseases Technique Storage
<p>CDC's Vaccines and Immunizations for Healthcare Professionals home page</p> <p>Gateway to clinical resources, administration tools, training, patient education, and more. (variously PDF or HTML, plus videos and slides)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html</p>	CDC	Vaccines Diseases Dialogue Screening

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<p>CDC's <i>Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases – "The Pink Book"</i></p>	CDC	Vaccines Diseases Scheduling Technique Storage
<p>Info on each routine vaccine and diseases they prevent; chapters on vaccination principles, general recommendations, safety, storage and handling, and administration. (Book: HTML or PDF, 500+ pages, dozens of chapters, free online; or \$50 plus shipping for soft-bound edition. Webinar series available online in 19 segments)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html ▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/webinar-epv/index.html</p>		
<p>Immunize.org's <i>Vaccinating Adults: A Step-By-Step Guide</i> (October 2017)</p>	Immunize.org	Workflow Screening Technique Storage
<p>Downloadable guidebook on adult immunization, providing how-to information to help providers enhance or implement adult immunization services in any clinical setting. (Book: PDF, 140+ pages)</p> <p>▶ www.immunize.org/guide</p>		

3 References and additional ways to grow in vaccine expertise

RESOURCE, DESCRIPTION, HYPERLINK	SOURCE	CONTENT
<p>Package Inserts (i.e., prescribing information) for each FDA-licensed vaccine</p> <p>Links to each FDA-licensed vaccine's current prescribing information, either at manufacturer's website or FDA website. (PDF, dozens of product groups)</p> <p>▶ www.immunize.org/packageinserts</p>	Immunize.org	Reference
<p>CDC Immunization Education and Training Offerings</p> <p>Various archived webcasts and other self-paced learning modules, some with CE credit. (variously PDF or HTML, plus video and slides)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/index.html</p>	CDC	Training
<p>Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents</p> <p>Materials to help assess parents' needs, identify the role they want to play in making decisions for their child's health, and then communicate in ways that meet their needs. (variously PDF or HTML)</p> <p>▶ www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/index.html</p>	CDC AAP AAFP	Dialogue
<p>EZIZ's Job Aids for Vaccine Storage and Handling from California VFC program</p> <p>Dozens of products, info on vaccine management, refrigerator and freezer setup, monitoring temperatures, transporting vaccines, and inventory. (PDF)</p> <p>▶ eziz.org/resources/storage-handling-job-aids</p>	EZIZ	Storage
<p>EZIZ's Job Aids for Vaccine Administration from California VFC program</p> <p>Dozens of products, many helpful 1-page charts on preparing vaccines, avoiding mix-ups, and more. (PDF)</p> <p>▶ eziz.org/resources/vaccine-admin-job-aids</p>	EZIZ	Technique

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<p><i>The Vaccine Handbook: A Practical Guide for Clinicians – “The Purple Book”</i> by Gary S. Marshall, MD)</p>	Private	Diseases Dialogue Scheduling Screening
<p>Comprehensive reference book on vaccines and vaccination, including discussion of how to address concerns of parents and patients. (To purchase, go to pcibooks.com/books/view/49 [\$39.95])</p>		
<p>▶ App at Apple App Store or Google Play Store (free), registration required</p>		
<p>CHOP VEC's Vaccine Update for Healthcare Professionals newsletter (monthly)</p>	CHOP VEC	News
<p>Monthly newsletter featuring articles, roundup of news and journal articles, and information about new resources. (HTML)</p>		
<p>▶ www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-update/newsletter</p>		

4 Organization websites for further guidance and resources

AAFP

www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines.html

AAP

www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/immunizations/Pages/Immunizations-home.aspx

ACOG

www.acog.org/programs/immunization-for-women

ACP

www.acponline.org/clinical-information/clinical-resources-products/adult-immunization

AIM

www.immunizationmanagers.org

APHA

www.pharmacist.com/immunization-center

CHOP VEC

www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center

DoD Continuous Quality Immunization Improvement Process

www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/Immunization-Healthcare

Immunize.org

www.immunize.org

National Network of Immunization Coalitions

www.immunizationcoalitions.org

NAIIS, The Summit

www.izsummitpartners.org

NFID

www.nfid.org/immunization

VYF

www.vaccinateyourfamily.org

ACRONYMS

AAFP American Academy of Family Physicians

AAP American Academy of Pediatrics

ACIP Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

ACOG American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

ACP American College of Physicians

AIM Association of Immunization Managers

APhA American Pharmacists Association

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CE Continuing education

CHOP VEC Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Vaccine Education Center

DoD Department of Defense

EZIZ EZ immunization services, California Department
of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch

IHS Indian Health Service

NAIIS National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit

NFID National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

VYF Vaccinate Your Family