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The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved the Recommended Immunization Schedules for 2016. These schedules are revised at the beginning of each year to reflect current recommendations for the use of vaccines licensed by the Food and Drug Administration. The 2016 format is similar to last year and includes a single schedule for children from 0-18 years of age. The following is a summary of those changes to the color-coded chart and footnotes pages:

- The order of vaccines has been changed to group vaccines by recommended age of administration. The order of the footnotes has been modified to reflect the new order.
- A purple bar representing the range of recommended ages from 5 through 18 years for certain high-risk groups has been added to *Haemophilus influenzae* type b.
- The HPV nomenclature has been modified to reflect the new designation. The number of strains in each vaccine appears first (HPV9 is now referred to as 9vHPV).
- A purple bar is added for HPV vaccine to signify that children starting at age 9 and children with a history of sexual abuse are at increased risk of HPV and should be vaccinated.
- Meningococcal B vaccine was added to the schedule. A purple bar indicates vaccination at 10 years of age for people at increased risk and a blue bar added for people aged 16-18 years to indicate that non-high-risk people may be considered for vaccination.
- The pneumococcal polysaccharide bar has been moved to the bottom of the schedule because this vaccine is not routinely indicated for any population.
- The adult schedule addresses administration of the new 9-valent HPV vaccine and meningococcal B vaccines.
- The ACIP increased the recommended interval between PCV13 and PPSV23 to one year (previously 6-12 months) for immunocompetent adults age > 65.
- With regard to footnotes, minor word changes were made to address the:
  - Inadvertent early administration of the 4th dose of DTaP
  - Guidance for inactivated poliovirus vaccine use in children who previously received only the oral polio vaccine before the fourth birthday
  - Clarification of the time interval between doses of HPV vaccine
  - Recommendations regarding use of meningococcal B vaccines
  - Clarification for the timing for post vaccination serologic testing for infants born to hepatitis B surface antigen positive mothers

Vaccine providers should use the schedules and footnotes together. We encourage all physicians and nursing staff to take a few moments to review the new schedules (see link below) and footnote changes. To ensure that providers have the most current vaccine information, schedules are published online and updated as new vaccines are released, when new recommendations are published, or when a current recommendation is changed.

http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html

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