### Role of Pharmacist in Vaccination: Challenges and Opportunities

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### **Objectives:**

At the end of the presentation, the audience will be able to:

- Discuss and identify the challenges faced by pharmacists in vaccination.
- Review the significance of some vaccines in preventing infectious diseases and reducing mortality rates globally.
- Describe and explore the potential opportunities of expanding pharmacists' roles in vaccination.
- Value the roles that pharmacists play in the immunization process.



## Challenges



Reference: Poudel, Arjun, et al. Pharmacist role in vaccination: Evidence and challenges. Vaccine. Volume 37, Issue 40, 2019, Pages 5939-5945.



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### Let's talk about the Myths!



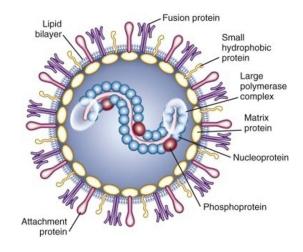
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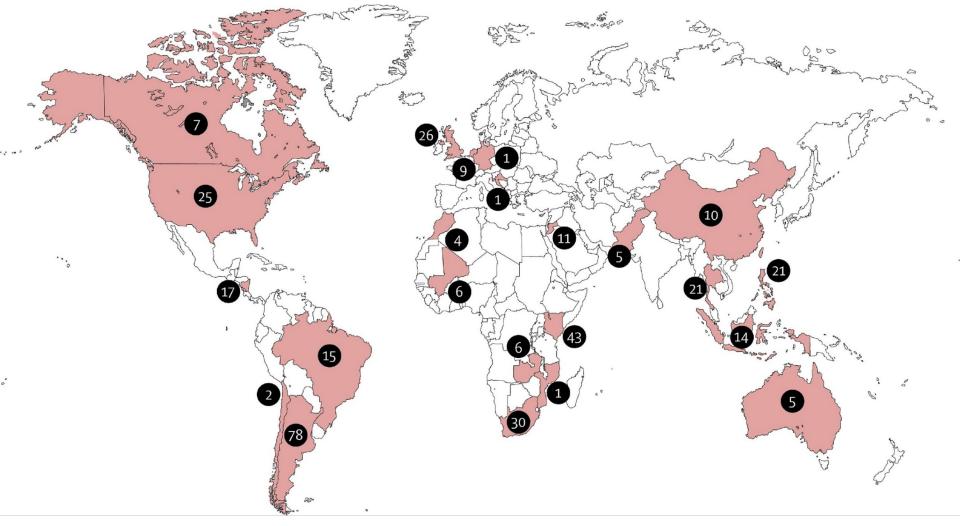
### **Reviewing some vaccines**



### **Respiratory Syncytial Virus**

- Single-stranded, negative-sense, RNA genome virus; Genus *Pneumovirus in the family Paramyxoviridae*
- One serotype two subgroups (A and B)
  - Strains of both groups circulate simultaneously during outbreaks
- Among the most transmissible viruses of humans
- Disease epidemics occur yearly, between October or November and March in temperate regions
- Among the most important causes of hospitalization of elderly and infant patients worldwide





### New Immunizations to Protect Against Severe RSV

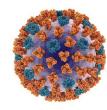
	Who Does It Protect?	Type of Product	Is It for Everyone in Group?
<b>B</b>	Adults 60 and over	RSV vaccine	Talk to your doctor first
	Babies	RSV antibody given to baby OR	All infants entering or born during RSV season. Small group of older babies for second season.
	Babies	RSV vaccine given during pregnancy	Can get if you are 32–36 weeks pregnant during September–January





### Influenza Virus

- Single-stranded RNA virus; Orthomyxovirus family
- 3 types
  - Type A, B and C Only A and B serotypes can cause epidemic human disease
- Influenza A virus subtypes:
  - Hemagglutinin and neuraminidase
    - Immunity to these surface antigens reduces the likelihood of infection and severity of disease.

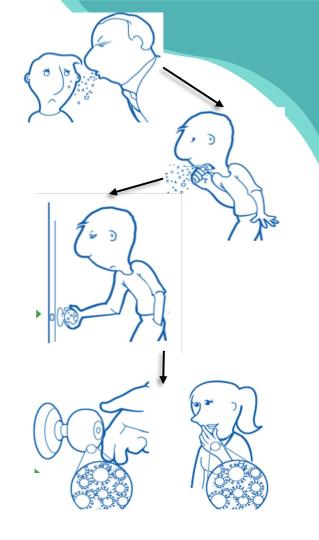


	Туре А	Туре В	Туре С
Illness severity	Moderate to severe	Milder disease	Mild
Host	Humans and other animals	Humans	Rarely reported in humans
Ages	All age group	Children	

### Seasonal flu:

- Influenza (the flu): One of the most common vaccinepreventable illness in the U.S.
- Peaks in the US from December to February.
  - Vaccine should be ideally administered by the end of October, but should continue to be offered as long as influenza viruses are circulating locally and unexpired vaccines are available.
- Spread from <u>person to person</u> by:
  - Aerosolized respiratory droplets from a cough or sneeze
  - Contact with infected droplets from the nasal secretions or saliva

Incubation period: 1-4 days



### **Available influenza vaccines:**

#### Traditional flu vaccines: three antigenic components (trivalent): influenza A (H1N1, H3N2) and B

#### Current recommendation: Quadrivalent influenza vaccines Trivalent + Additional B virus

#### Currently available vaccines in the market:

- Inactivated Influenza Vaccine, guadrivalent (IIV4)
- Cell culture-based inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent (CCIIV4)
   Recombinant Influenza Vaccine (RIV4), Egg-Free Influenza Vaccine (Flublok)
   High dose inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent (HD-IIV4)

  - Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine, quadrivalent (LAIV4)

### **Pneumococcal Disease**

Significant cause of illness in adults and children.

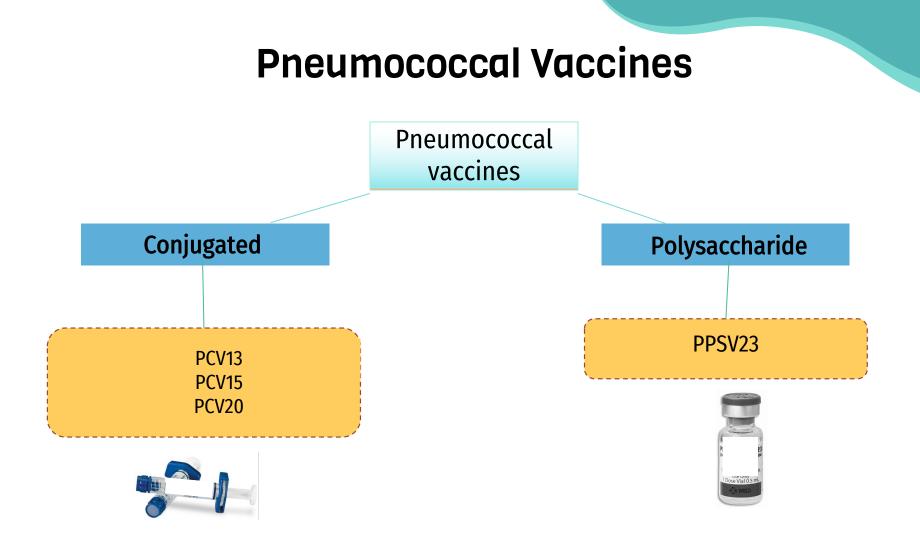
- Caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* 
  - Gram positive coccobacillus bacteria
  - Colonizes the nasopharynx of adults and children
- Over 90 serotypes cause serious illness
  - The 10 most common are responsible for approximately 62% of invasive pneumococcal disease.





#### Can be transmitted by:

- Airborne respiratory droplets
- Direct contact with infected respiratory secretions



## Current valid PPSV23 recommendations in adults

- Recommended for all adults aged 65 years and older
- Age **<u>19 through 64 years</u>** with any of the following conditions:

Valid for adults who previously received PCV13 or PCV15 but who have NOT received all recommended doses of PPSV23.

#### High risk factors:

#### Immunocompromising Condition:

- Alcoholism
- Chronic cardiovascular disease (congestive heart failure, cardiomyopathies; excluding hypertension)
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic pulmonary disease (COPD and emphysema, asthma)
- Cigarette Smoking
- Diabetes mellitus
- Cochlear implant
- Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak

- HIV infection
- Asplenia
- Hodgkin disease
- Chronic renal failure, cirrhosis
- Leukemia, lymphoma
- Sickle cell
- Organ transplants

### ACIP Recommendations for PCV15 and PCV-20 in Adults

**CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination for** 

- Adults 65 years old and older
- Adults 19 through 64 years old with certain underlying medical conditions or other risk factors:
- Alcoholism
- Cerebrospinal fluid leak
- Chronic heart/liver/lung disease
- Chronic renal failure\*
- Cigarette smoking
- Cochlear implant
- Congenital or acquired asplenia\*
- Congenital or acquired immunodeficiencies\*
- Diabetes
- Generalized malignancy\*
- HIV infection\*
- Hodgkin disease\*
- latrogenic immunosuppression\*
- Leukemia\*
- Lymphoma\*
- Multiple myeloma\*
- Nephrotic syndrome\*
- Sickle cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies\*
- Solid organ transplants\*
- \* Considered an immunocompromising condition

For those who have never received a pneumococcal vaccine or those with unknown vaccination history

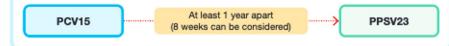
#### Administer one dose of PCV15 or PCV20.

If PCV20 is used, their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.

PCV20

If PCV15 is used, follow with one dose of PPSV23.

- The recommended interval is at least 1 year.
- The minimum interval is 8 weeks and can be considered in adults with an immunocompromising condition\*, cochlear implant, or cerebrospinal fluid leak.
- · Their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.



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For those who previously received PPSV23 but who have not received any pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (e.g., PCV13, PCV15, PCV20)

#### You may administer one dose of PCV15 or PCV20.

Regardless of which vaccine is used (PCV15 or PCV20):

- The minimum interval is at least 1 year.
- Their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.

PPSV23

At least 1 year apart

PCV15 or PCV20

Reference: CDC (2024) accessed from: www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/vaccination.html

### ACIP Recommendations for Immunocompromised Patients

#### Age 19 – 64 years of age:

• Give 2 doses of Pneumovax 23

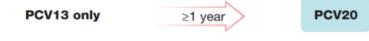


#### CDC recommends 2 doses of PPSV23\*\* before age 65 years and 1 dose of PPSV23\*\* at age 65 years or older.

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. PCV20 is used, their pneumococcal vaccinations are complete.



### ACIP Recommendations for Immunocompetent Patients

#### Age 19 – 64 years of age with a <u>cerebrospinal fluid leak or cochlear implant:</u>

#### Adults 19–64 years old with a cochlear implant or cerebrospinal fluid leak Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B
None*	PCV20	PCV15 ≥8 weeks PPSV23
PPSV23 only	≥1 year PCV20	≥1 year PCV15
PCV13 only	≥1 year PCV20	≥8 weeks PPSV23 Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.
PCV13 and 1 dose of PPSV23	≥5 years PCV20	<b>No vaccines</b> recommended at this time. Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.

\* Also applies to people who received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines

Reference: CDC (2024) accessed from: www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/vaccination.html

### ACIP Recommendations for Immunocompetent Patients

Age 19 – 64 years of age with <u>chronic health conditions</u> (without a cerebrospinal fluid leak or cochlear implant)

Adults 19–64 years old with chronic health conditions Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B	
None*	PCV20	PCV15 ≥1 year PPSV23	
PPSV23 only	≥1 year PCV20	≥1 year PCV15	
PCV13 <sup>†</sup> only	≥1 year PCV20	≥1 year PPSV23 Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.	
PCV13 <sup>†</sup> and PPSV23	<b>No vaccines</b> are recommended at this time. Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.		
Chronic health conditions	<ul> <li>Alcoholism</li> <li>Chronic heart disease, including congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathies</li> <li>Chronic liver disease</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chronic lung disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, and asthma</li> <li>Cigarette smoking</li> <li>Diabetes mellitus</li> </ul>	

\* Also applies to people who received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines <sup>†</sup> Adults with chronic medical conditions were previously not recommended to receive PCV13 Reference: CDC (2024) accessed from: www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/vaccination.htm

### ACIP Recommendations for Immunocompetent Patients

#### Age $\geq$ 65 years of age

#### Adults ≥65 years old Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B
None*	PCV20	PCV15 ≥1 year <sup>†</sup> PPSV23
PPSV23 only at any age	≥1 year PCV20	≥1 year PCV15
PCV13 only at any age	≥1 year PCV20	≥1 year <sup>†</sup> PPSV23
PCV13 at any age & PPSV23 at <65 yrs	≥5 years PCV20	≥5 years <sup>§</sup> PPSV23
<sup>†</sup> Consider minimum interval ( § For adults with an immunoc	received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines 8 weeks) for adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, ompromising condition, cochlear implant, or CSF leak, the minimum interval fo m interval for PPSV23 is $\geq$ 1 year since last PCV13 dose and $\geq$ 5 years since las	r PPSV23 is ≥8 weeks since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23

### Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV)

Is a herpes virus that cause two distinct clinical syndromes

- Chickenpox → Primary Infection
- Shingles  $\rightarrow$  Reactivation of the virus (usually many years after)

Highly contagious pathogen

• Can be spread by respiratory transmission through airborne droplets, or by direct contact with lesions.

Incidence before the vaccine:

- Exceeded four million cases annually
- 10,000 annual hospitalizations
- 100-150 annual deaths caused by complications



### **Recommended Schedule:**

Patients should receive a total of two doses

- → Routine schedule for children
  - First dose at 12–15 months old
  - Second dose at 4–6 y/o
- → Schedule for adolescents and adults (≥ 13 years) without evidence of immunity
  - Two doses separated by at least 4 weeks

Dose and route: 0.5 mL SC

→ <u>The first dose of varicella vaccine should not be given before the child's first</u> <u>birthday because circulating maternal antibodies can interfere with the</u> <u>vaccine</u>.

### **Shingles Vaccine:**

- RZV vaccine
  - Inactivated virus vaccine (Recombinant Zoster Vaccine, RZV)
  - **FDA** approved for:
    - Adults ≥ 50 y/o
    - Adults ≥ 18 y/o who are or will be immunosuppressed because of a known disease or therapy.
- Dose and route
  - 0.5 mL IM
  - <u>2 dose series at 0 and 2-6 months</u>

#### The vaccine is indicated for the **prevention of shingles** NOT for the treatment of <u>active disease.</u>



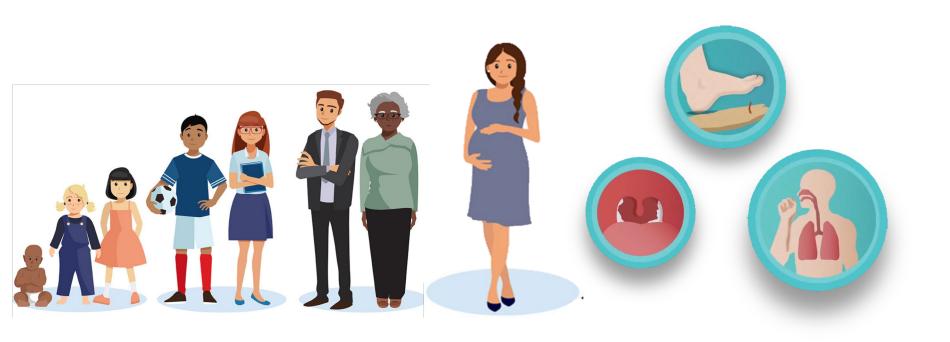
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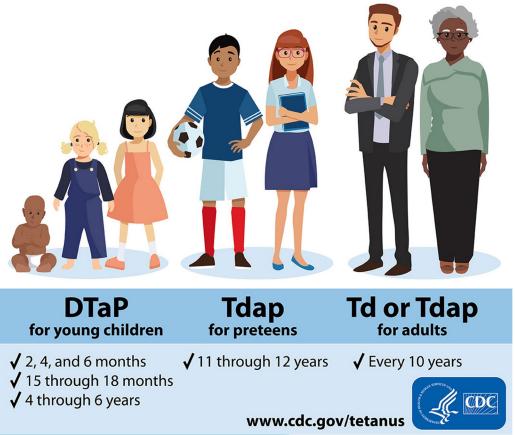
### ACIP Zoster Vaccination Current Recommendations

- RZV is recommended for the prevention of herpes zoster and related complications for <u>immunocompetent</u> adults <u>aged >50 years</u> and <u>immunocompromised</u> adults <u>aged >19 years</u>.
  - Two doses, 2-6 months apart
    - Irrespective of receiving varicella vaccine, previous history of herpes zoster or received zoster vaccine live (Zostavax).
- The vaccine series does not has to be restarted if more than 6 months have passed since the first dose.

### **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis**

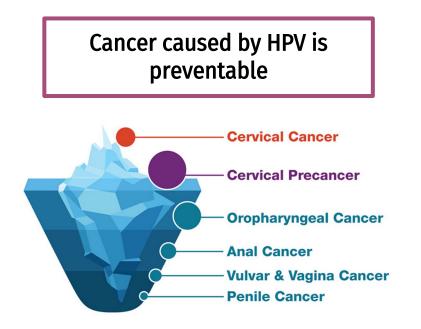


### People of all ages need TETANUS VACCINES



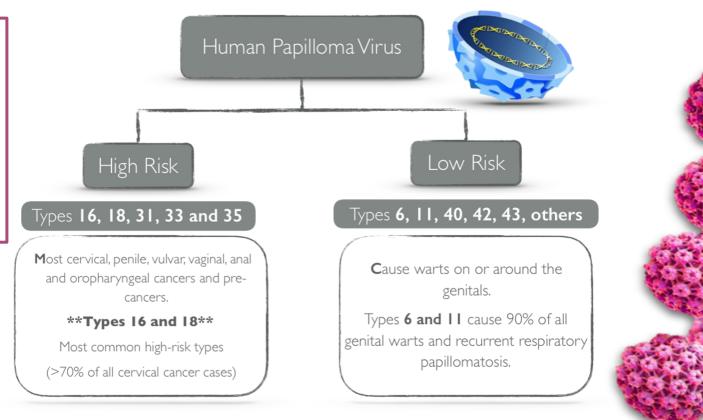
### Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

- Small, double-stranded DNA viruses that infect mucosal and cutaneous epithelia inducing cellular proliferation.
- **Capsid:** composed of two proteins, a major (L1) and minor (L2)
- More than 170 types of HPV and is the **most common** sexually transmitted disease.



### Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

By the age of *50* more than *80% of American women* will have contracted at least one strain of genital HPV



### **General Recommendations: HPV**

#### **ROUTINE VACCINATION POPULATION**

HPV vaccination routinely recommended at age **11–12 years** (can start at age 9 years for anyone with history of sexual abuse).

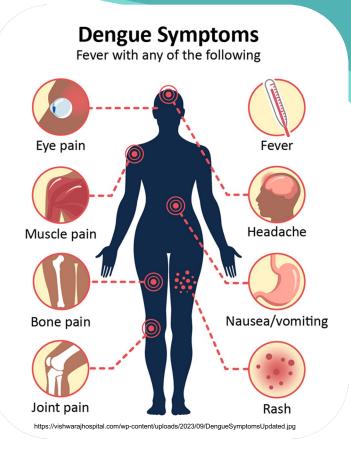
#### Regimen:

- → If started <u>before age 15</u> -> <u>2 doses</u> (at month 0 and 6-12 months later)
- → If started <u>at age 15 or older</u> or if <u>immunocompromised</u> -> <u>3 doses</u> (at months 0, 1-2 and 6)

- <u>ACIP recommendation</u>: Catch-up HPV vaccination is recommended for all persons through age 26 years who are not adequately vaccinated.
- FDA APPROVAL UP TO AGE 45



- Dengue viruses are spread to people through the bite of an infected **Aedes species** (*Ae. aegypti* or *Ae. albopictus*) mosquito.
- Dengue is caused by one of any of **four** related viruses: Dengue virus 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- About 1 in 4 people infected with dengue will get sick.
- About 1 in 20 people who get sick with dengue will develop severe dengue.
- Severe dengue can result in shock, internal bleeding, and even death.



### **Dengue Vaccine:**

- Dengue tetravalent vaccine
  - Live vaccine

Endemic areas include: **Puerto Rico**, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

- Can prevent dengue illness, hospitalization, and severe dengue from <u>all four</u> <u>dengue viruses</u>.
- **FDA** approved for:
  - Children and adolescents 9 through 16 years of age with <u>laboratory-</u> <u>confirmed previous dengue</u> infection and living in endemic areas.
- Dose and route
  - 0.5 mL <mark>SC</mark>
  - 3 dose series administered at 0, 6 and 12 months

The vaccine is not indicated for primary prevention.

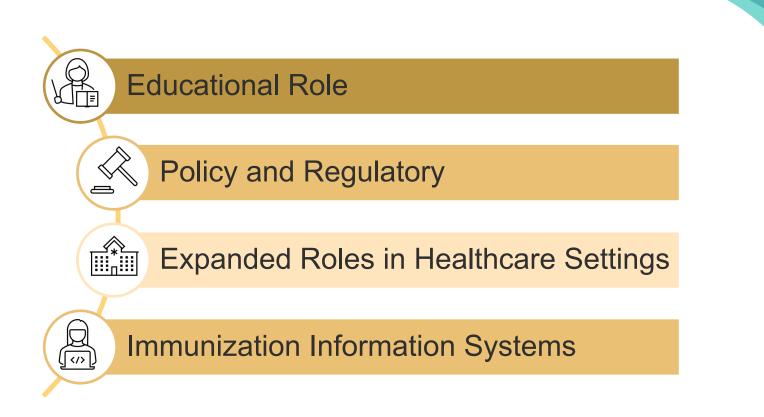


## Opportunities





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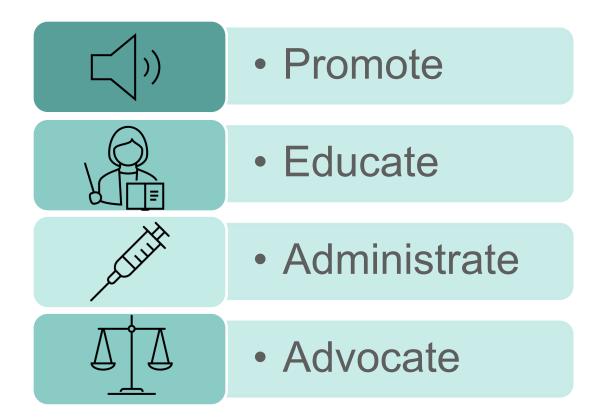


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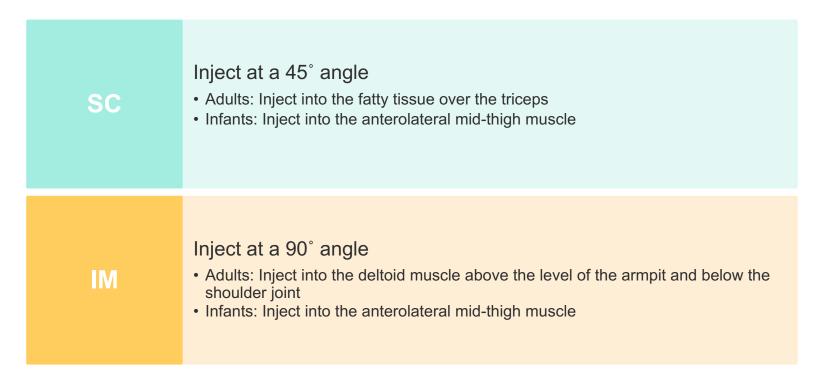
## **Role of Pharmacists**







#### **Vaccine Administration: Technique**



### Patient counseling and education

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1 Why get vaccinated?	3 Talk with your health care provider	and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call 9-1-1 and get the person to the nearest hospital.	<ul> <li>Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or</li> <li>Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines</li> </ul>					
HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccine can prevent infection with some types of human papillomavirus.	Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:	For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.		VIS Home > Current VISs			6 0 0	න 👴
HPV infections can cause certain types of cancers including: • cervical, vaginal and vulvar cancers in women, • penile cancer in men, and • anal cancers in both men and women. HPV vaccine prevents infection from the HPV types that cause over 90% of these cancers.	<ul> <li>Itas had an allergic reaction after a previous dose of HFV vaccins, or has any severe, life- thratening allergies.</li> <li>Is pregnant.</li> <li>In some cases, your health care provider may decide to portpose HFV vaccination to a future visit.</li> <li>Peorle with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be</li> </ul>	Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAESS). Your health care provider will usually lise this report, or you can do it yourself. Wait the VAESS website at www.caresh.bas.gov or call t-000-822-960, VAESS is only for reporting reactions, and VAESS staff do not give molical advec.		♠ VIS Home	HPV (Human Papill	lomavirus) VI	S	
HPV is spread through intimate skin-to-skin or sexual contact. HPV infections are so common that nearly all men and women will get at least one type of HPV at some time in their lives.	reopie with minor timesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting HPV vaccine.	6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program		Current VISs -	Current Edition Date: 10/30/2019	On This	Page	
Most HPV infections go away by themselves within 2 years. But sometimes HPV infections will last longer and can cause cancers later in life.	Your health care provider can give you more information.	The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Visit the VICP sebsite		HPV VIS	Print VIS     More in	nformation Why get	vaccinated?	
2 HPV vaccine	Risks of a vaccine reaction     Soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot is given can happen after HPV vaccine.	at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or call 1-800-338-2382 to learn about the program and about filing a claim. There is a time limit to file a		What's New with VISs	[2 pages] about H • RTF file  vaccinal	HPV vaco	ine:	
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as late as age 45 years. Most people older than 26 years will not benefit from HPV vaccination. Talk with your health care provider if you want more information.	dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears. As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.			Dates of Current and Past VISs	(For use in electronic systems)	Risks of a	a vaccine reaction	
Most children who get the first dose before 15 years of age need 2 doses of HPV vaccine. Anyone who gets the first dose on or after 15 years of age, and				VIS Barcodes			here is a serious p	roblem?
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### Important: The patient should receive a VIS per EACH vaccine administered (before administration).

#### https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html

### **Vaccine Information Statements**



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#### Vaccine Information Statements (VISs)

VIS Home	COVID-19 EUA Fact Sheets for Recipients and Caregivers				
Current VISs	The Fact Sheet provides similar content to vaccine information statements (VISs) for licensed vaccines but differs in				
What's New with VISs	the EUA Fact Sheet is specific to each authorized COVID-19 vaccine, is developed by the manufacturer of the vaccin and is authorized by the FDA.				
About VISs +	COVID-19 EUA Recipient/Caregiver Fact Sheets				
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Related Links		<u>Updated Smallpox/Monkeypox VIS Now</u> <u>Available</u> (Nov 16)			
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🜱 Get Email Updates	Instructions for Using VISs Read and print an information sheet about the use of VISs,	information sheets produced by the CDC that explain both the benefits and risks of a vaccine to vaccine recipients.			
To receive email updates about	including recordkeeping requirements.	Federal law requires that healthcare staff provide a VIS to a patient, parent, or legal representative before each dose of certain varcines.			
this page, enter your email address:	Facts About VISs				
Email Address	Find information about provider responsibilities, types of VISs, legal requirements for using VISs.	More			

VISs can be found on the CDC and Immunization Action Coalition websites.

### Documentation

- National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) Act passed in 1986
- Required documentation for all vaccines covered by VICP:
  - Date vaccine administered
  - Vaccine manufacturer
  - Vaccine lot number
  - Name, address, title of person administering the vaccine
  - Date printed on the VIS
  - Date the VIS is given to the vaccine recipient or the recipient's legal representative
- Any ADE should be reported through the VAERS system





Reference: VAERS. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. Accessed from https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html on June, 2024.

### **Staying Up to Date**

#### **Resources:**

- 1. APhA Immunization Center: <u>www.pharmacist.com/immunization-center</u>
- 2. Immunization Action Coalition: <u>https://www.immunize.org/</u>
- 3. MMWR: <u>www.cdc.gov/mmwr</u>
- 4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccine safety: <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/index.html</u>

5. World Health Organization: <u>https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab\_1</u>



# Thanks for you attention!

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