

The Vaccinator

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Educating New Parents

OB/GYN physicians have the opportunity to educate and vaccinate new parents. You can provide parents with vaccine facts:

- Vaccinated adults provide protection to their newborn infant.
- Childhood vaccines may wane over time requiring booster shots as adolescents and adults.
- Vaccines are safe and effective.



ACIP Recommendations for Adult DTP Prevention

Adults and adolescents are often the source of infant Pertussis infection.

Adults in close contact with children under 1 year of age should receive Tdap.

Post-partum women should receive Tdap before discharge or within 6 weeks of delivery.

Adults and parents who have been vaccinated help protect others, such as:

- Infants
- Toddlers
- Adolescents
- Co-workers
- Friends

POST PARTUM VACCINATIONS

Parents that receive vaccines prior to their newborn infant's discharge home from the hospital, or at their post-partum visit, help protect their infant from potentially deadly diseases.

Complications of Pertussis in Infants United States, 2000-2004

Age <12 months	Reported	Apnea	Hospitalizations	Pneumonia	Seizures	Deaths
	12,174	5454	6114	1063	146	92

Reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (MMWR.2006,55(RR-17):5

POST-PARTUM PARENT VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF APRIL 2008

VACCINE

COMMENTS

**Tdap – Pertussis, Diphtheria
and Tetanus**

**Parent must have one dose of TD before receiving Tdap
Parent receives only one Tdap before age 65 years.
Recommended minimum of 2 years between TD and
Tdap.
TD booster dose recommended every 10 years.**

**MMR – Measles ,Mumps,
Rubella**

**Give if parent has not had 2 recorded doses of vaccine or
titer showing immunity, for each disease: total of 2
doses.**

Varicella – Chickenpox

**Give if parent has no history of disease , no history
of prior vaccination, and no serologic proof of
immunity. 2 doses 4 weeks apart is recommended.**

Hepatitis B

**Give if parent has not had disease or has no previous
history of 3 hepatitis vaccines. Series includes 3 doses.**

Influenza

**Give one dose yearly to the parent of any infant 6
months of age or younger. After 6 months of age,
the infant should receive 2 doses of vaccine, one
month apart.**

Physicians, are you...

- Writing standard orders for post-partum mothers?
- Referring fathers to their health care provider or clinic?
- Making sure your office staff is current on their own immunizations?

If a parent does not have a health care provider, please refer them to one. Columbus Public Health can administer adult vaccinations.

Please contact Columbus Public Health at 614-645-1474 for the current vaccine fees.

**Vaccine information is available at:
www.immunize.org**

For current information about reportable infectious diseases, check out the following websites:

- Columbus Public Health: www.publichealth.columbus.gov
- Columbus and Franklin County Communicable Disease Reporting System (CDRS): www.cdrsinfo.com

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