

Provider Resources for Parents about Immunizations

Resources for General Vaccination Issues

1. Common Questions Parents Ask about Infant Immunizations – one-page flyer, addresses questions about the number of shots, natural immunity, disease prevalence, autism concerns, delaying vaccines, and vaccinating when the child is sick. http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/2009/downloads/f_provider-qa-color-508.pdf
2. The Facts about Childhood Vaccines – two-page document, answers questions about how to sort through conflicting vaccine information, additives in vaccines, vaccine safety, disease prevalence, number of shots given, autism, aluminum, and the dangers of delaying immunizations. Available in English & Spanish. <http://www.chop.edu/export/download/pdfs/articles/vaccine-education-center/vaccines-fact.pdf>
3. Questions Parents Ask about Baby Shots – brochure, answers questions about what vaccines are, what they do, why they are needed, safety, number of visits, keeping track of immunizations, and concerns about cost. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4025.pdf>
4. Q&A about Diseases and Vaccines – Three or four page Q&As are available for each vaccine-preventable disease that provide extensive detail about the causes, symptoms, communicability, and seriousness of the disease, as well as the recommended schedule, safety, efficacy, and side effects of the vaccine. <http://www.immunize.org/printmaterials/questions.asp>
5. Too Many Vaccines? What You Should Know – two-page document, addresses concerns that the number of vaccines may overwhelm the baby's immune system. Available in English & Spanish. <http://www.chop.edu/export/download/pdfs/articles/vaccine-education-center/too-many-vaccines.pdf>
6. What If You Don't Immunize Your Child? Brochure, discusses consequences of not immunizing children. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4017.pdf>
7. After the Shots – What to do if Your Child has Discomfort – two-page document, offers suggestions and tips for what parents can do to reduce a child's discomfort after receiving vaccines. Also provides a chart detailing how much acetaminophen or ibuprofen to give based on the child's age and weight. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4015.pdf>

Resources Addressing Vaccine Safety

1. Vaccine Concerns – 10-page document, written by Dr. Paul Offit, addresses the 15 most common concerns about vaccines, including: efficacy, necessity, safety, natural immunity, number of shots, and autism. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4038.pdf>
2. Clear Answers & Smart Advice about Your Baby's Shots – six-page document, written by Dr. Ari Brown, uses simple, easy-to-understand language to answer questions about autism, mercury in vaccines, and vaccine safety. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf>
3. Vaccine Safety – The Facts – two-page document, provided the American Academy of Pediatrics, addresses why parents should vaccinate their children. http://www.cispimmunize.org/pro/pdf/VaccineSafety_parenthandout.pdf
4. Vaccines & Autism – What You Should Know – four-page document, discusses the symptoms and known causes of autism, as well as the concerns that MMR, thimerosal, or the number of vaccines given are causes of autism. Available in English & Spanish. <http://www.chop.edu/export/download/pdfs/articles/vaccine-education-center/autism.pdf>

5. Thimerosal – What You Should Know – two-page document, provides a summary of the evidence that shows that mercury in vaccines does not cause autism. Available in English & Spanish. <http://www.chop.edu/export/download/pdfs/articles/vaccine-education-center/thimerosal.pdf>
6. Aluminum in Vaccines – What You Should Know – two-page document, addresses concerns that aluminum in vaccines might be harmful to babies. Available in English & Spanish. <http://www.chop.edu/export/download/pdfs/articles/vaccine-education-center/aluminum.pdf>
7. MMR Vaccine Does Not Cause Autism: Examine the Evidence – two-page document, provides a list of the 25 studies published in peer-reviewed journals that refute a connection between MMR vaccine and the development of autism and the three studies (and their limitations) that suggested a connection. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4026.pdf>

Resources Describing the Immunization Schedule

1. The Childhood Immunization Schedule – Why Is It Like That? – two-page document, from the American Academy of Pediatrics, answers common questions about the immunization schedule – such as timing, number of doses, and alternative schedules. <http://www.cisimmunize.org/pro/pdf/Vaccineschedule.pdf>
2. Immunizations for Babies – A Guide for Parents – one-page document, provides an easy-to-understand immunization schedule for children from birth through the first two years of life. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4010.pdf>
3. When do Children and Teens Need Vaccines? – one-page document, offers a simple immunization schedule for children from birth through 18 years of age. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4050.pdf>
4. Are you 11-19 years old? Then You Need to be Vaccinated – one-page document, discusses the diseases that adolescents need to be protected against and the available vaccines. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4020.pdf>
5. Vaccines for Adults – You’re Never Too Old to Get Immunized! – one-page document, provides a comprehensive list of the vaccines needed for adults 19 years of age and older. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4030.pdf>

Additional Resources

1. Reliable Sources of Immunization Information – one-page document, provides a list of websites, books, videos, and phone numbers that parents can access to find accurate, trustworthy information about vaccines. <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4012.pdf>
2. Standing Orders for Administering Vaccines – offers one-page examples of standing orders for administering vaccines that providers can use to ensure no opportunity is being missed to immunize. Standing orders are available for each of the vaccines and for children and adult populations. <http://www.immunize.org/standingorders/>
3. NC Immunization Branch Website – Provider Section – displays North Carolina specific information for providers about immunizations. Information posted on website includes: coverage criteria for administering state-supplied vaccines, memos from the Branch, continuing education opportunities, storage and handling information, requirements for school entry, educational resources for patients about a variety of vaccines, and much more. <http://www.immunizenc.org/Providers.htm>