

Maternal immunization: understanding safety and efficacy and making a strong recommendation

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Learning Objectives

- Discuss the scientific evidence supporting maternal flu vaccination safety and monitoring.
- Educate pregnant patients about the importance of an annual flu vaccine.
- Name three components of a strong recommendation.
- Use CDC ACOG, ACNM and messaging and resources to address patient questions and concerns regarding flu immunization.

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38-Day-Old Baby Dies After Persisting Cough

By LARA SALAHI · April 28, 2010



Newborn Nearly Dies Contracting Whooping Cough

By MICHAEL COHEN

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Five babies dead from whooping cough so far this year in biggest outbreak for 20 years



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10 infants dead in California whooping cough outbreak

From Miriam Falco, CNN
October 29, 2010 10:10 p.m. EDT

July 23, 2012

Disease burden highest in infants during pertussis epidemic

10/20/2012



OVERVIEW

- Infections and vaccinations during pregnancy
- CDC vaccine safety monitoring in pregnancy
- Results of inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) and tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) safety studies in pregnancy
- Maternal vaccine safety recap

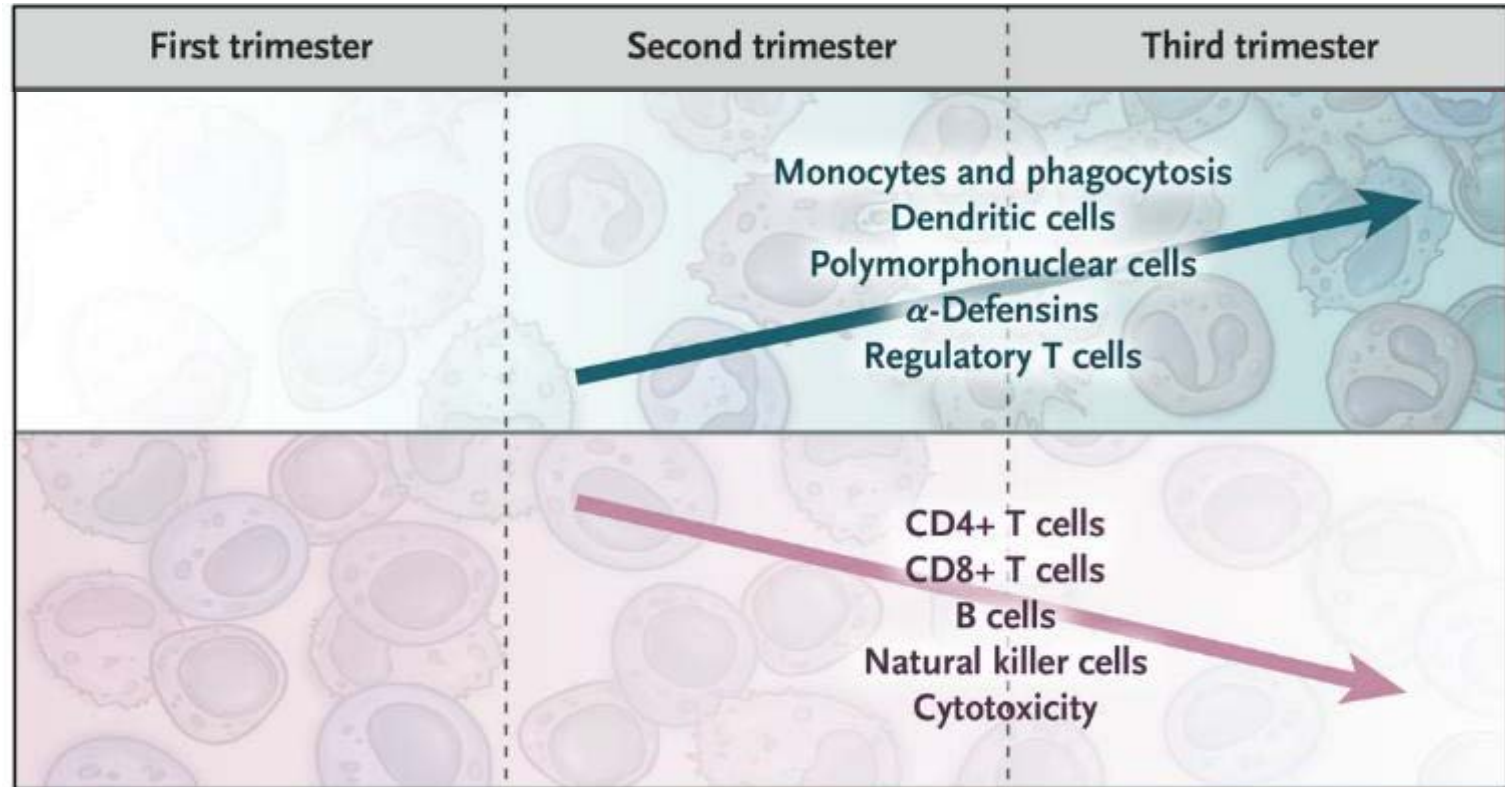


**Vaccination during pregnancy
protects mom and baby**

Infections in pregnant women and neonates

- Maternal influenza
 - Physiologic changes during pregnancy → severe disease¹
 - 5-fold increased risk of death in pregnant women (typically 2nd/3rd trimester)
- Neonatal influenza
 - No infant vaccine until 6 months of age
 - Infants at high risk of hospitalization and death from influenza²
- Neonatal pertussis
 - Primary immunization series complete at 6 months
 - Majority of pertussis deaths occur in infants < 3 months of age³

Increased susceptibility to severe influenza infection

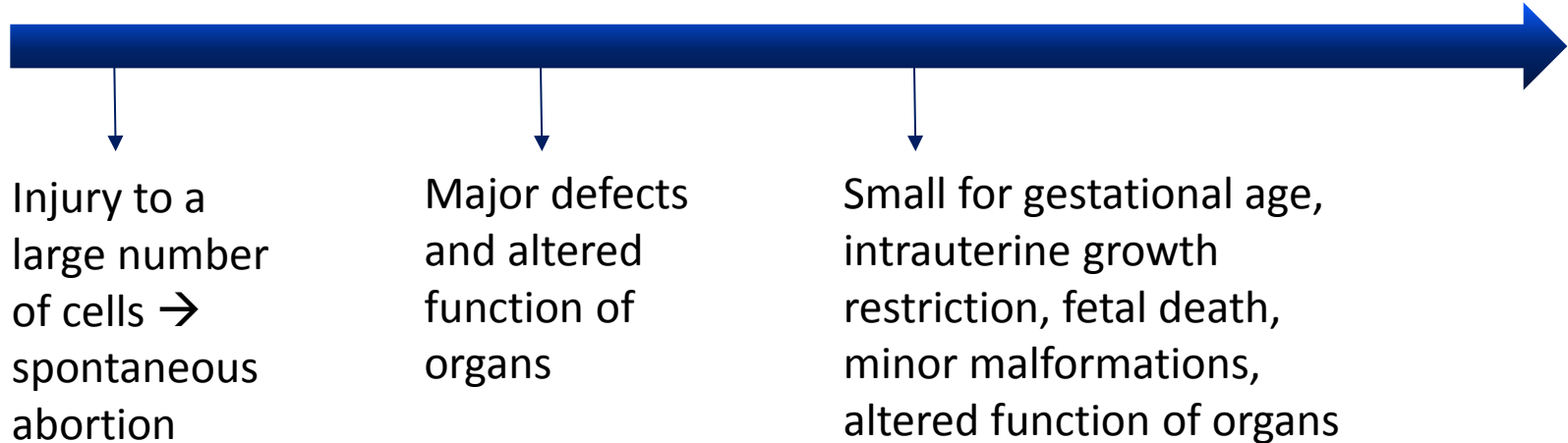


Potential impacts of exposures during pregnancy

Pre-implantation
(0-2 weeks)

Embryonic period
(2-9 weeks)

Fetal period
(9 weeks - term)



Recommendations for influenza vaccine during pregnancy

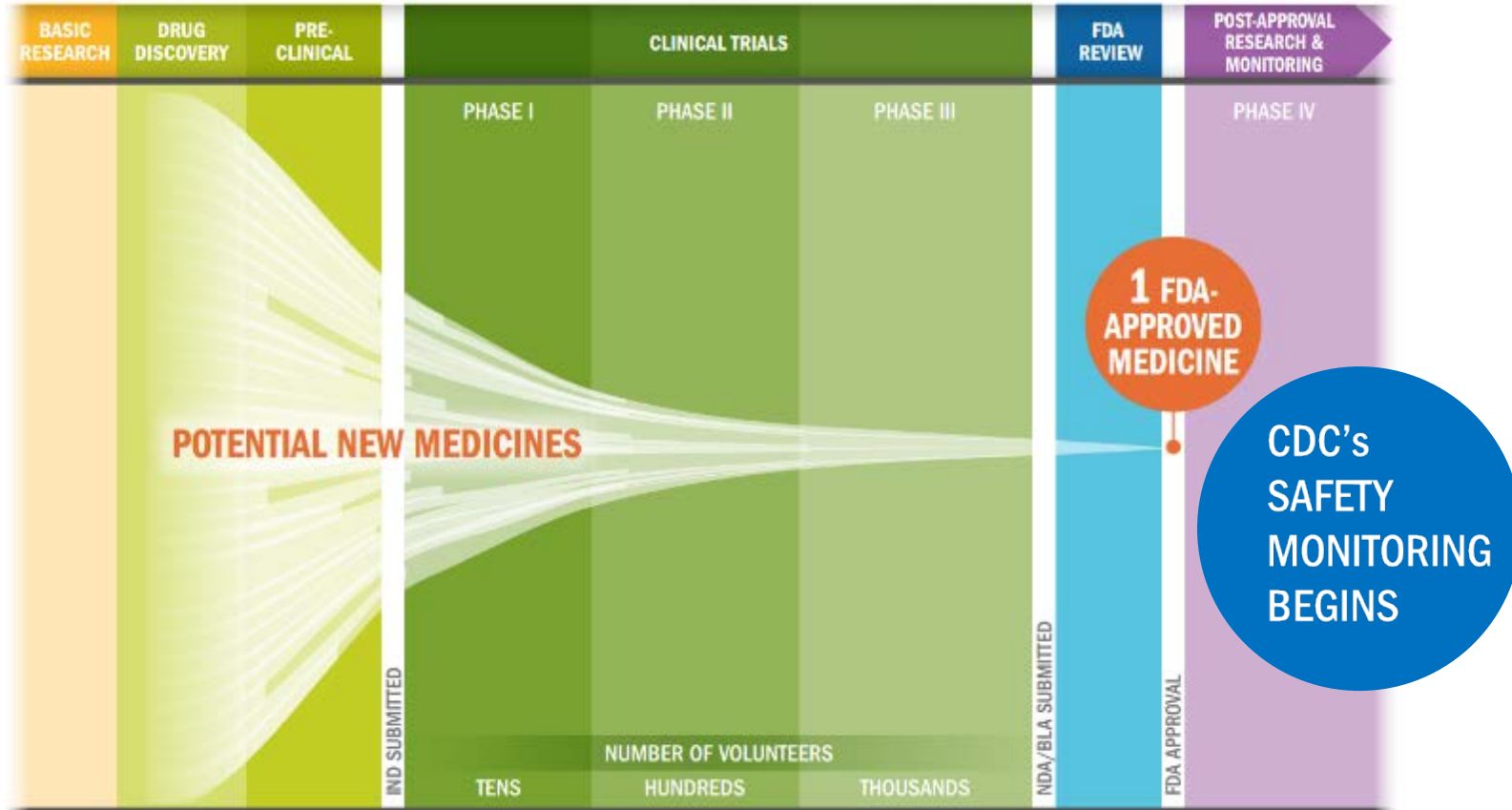
- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for pregnant women
 - 1960: Pregnant women noted to be at risk of severe illness and were recommended to receive influenza vaccine
 - since 1990s: Vaccination during 2nd and 3rd trimesters recommended
 - 2004: Influenza vaccine recommended for all pregnant women during *any* trimester of pregnancy
 - 2017: Any licensed, recommended and age-appropriate trivalent, quadrivalent, or recombinant inactivated influenza vaccine can be administered during pregnancy

Recommendations for Tdap vaccine during pregnancy

- ACIP recommendations in pregnant women¹
 - 2006: Tdap booster to post-partum mothers and family members (cocooning)
 - 2011: Tdap for unvaccinated pregnant women after 20 weeks gestation
 - 2012: Tdap for every pregnant woman at every pregnancy regardless of prior immunization status (optimally between 27-36 weeks gestation)

CDC prioritizes maternal vaccine safety

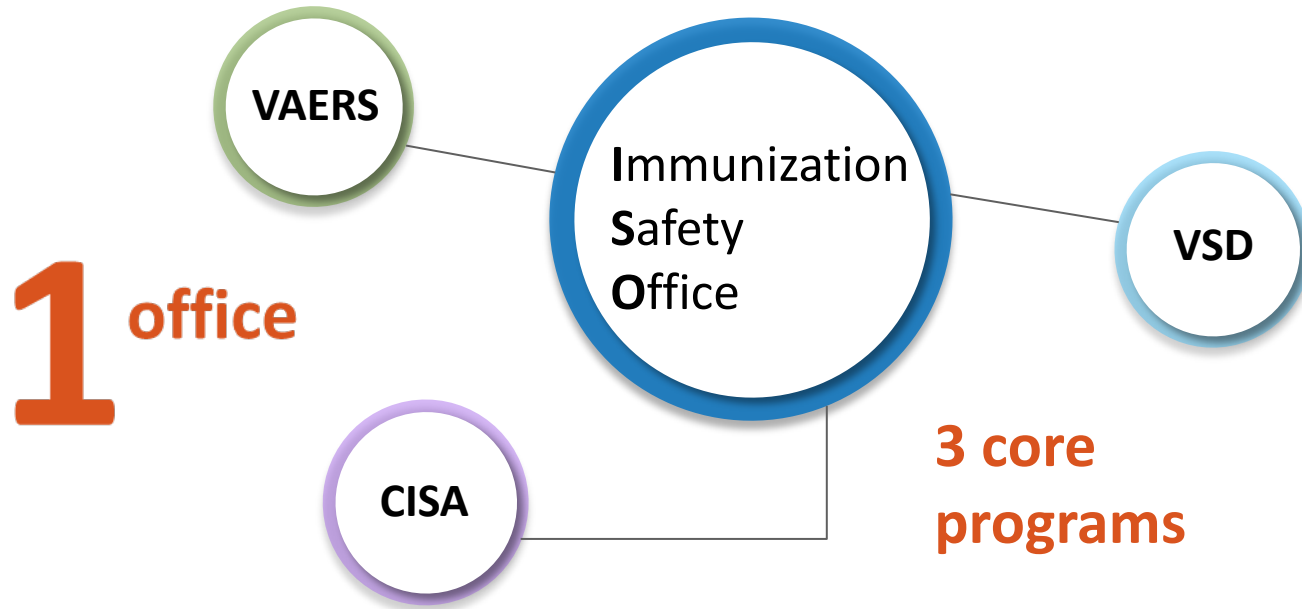
Vaccine licensure process in the United States



Why post-licensure vaccine safety monitoring?

- Pregnant women often excluded from pre-licensure clinical trials
- Pre-licensure clinical trials may not detect rare events
- Safety standards for vaccines are high

CDC vaccine safety monitoring



CDC vaccine safety monitoring



VAERS

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Adverse
Event
Reporting
System

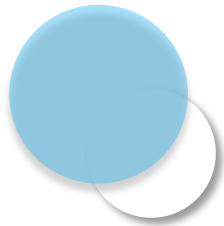
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A screenshot of the VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) website. The header features the VAERS logo and the text "Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "About VAERS", "Report an Adverse Event", "VAERS Data", "Resources", and "Submit Follow-Up Information". The main content area includes a section titled "Have you had a reaction following a vaccination?" with instructions on how to report an adverse event. It also features a large image of a family looking at a laptop, with the text "What is VAERS?" below it. At the bottom, there are four tiles: "REPORT AN ADVERSE EVENT", "SEARCH VAERS DATA", "REVIEW RESOURCES", and "SUBMIT FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION", each with a brief description of the service.

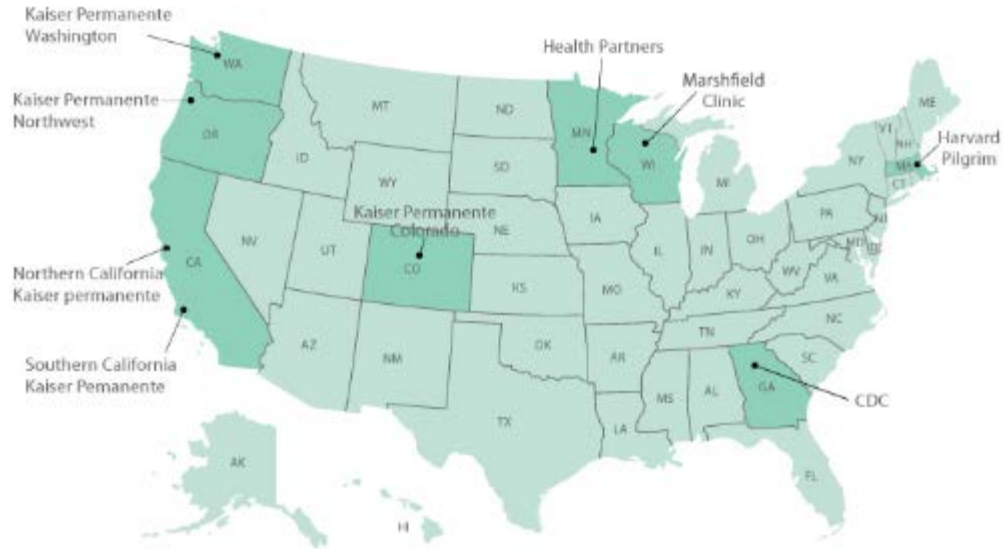
CDC vaccine safety monitoring

VSD

Vaccine
Safety
Datalink



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healthcare organizations



Identifying pregnancies in the VSD

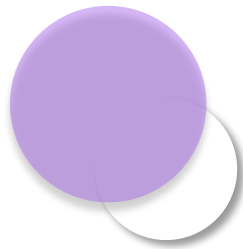
- VSD uses an validated algorithm¹ to identify pregnancy outcomes and start and end dates from electronic health records
- VSD data can be used to link pregnant women to their children
- VSD annual cohort ~3% of US population²
 - ~125,000 pregnancies per year
 - ~90,000 live births per year
- Additional pregnancy data: Height and weight, education, prior pregnancy history, smoking and alcohol use, plurality, delivery type, Apgars, last menstrual period, estimated due date

1. Naleway AL et al. Vaccine (2013).

2. McNeil MM et al. Vaccine (2014).

CDC vaccine safety monitoring

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vaccine safety experts

- assist U.S. healthcare providers with complex vaccine safety questions about their patients
- conduct clinical research



Influenza vaccine safety studies: mom, baby and pregnancy

Maternal influenza studies – general safety

- IIV and live attenuated influenza vaccines during pregnancy in VAERS, 1990-2009¹
 - No unusual patterns of pregnancy complications or fetal outcomes
- Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 monovalent vaccine during pregnancy in VAERS²
 - No concerning patterns of maternal or fetal outcomes
- IIV during pregnancy in VAERS, 2010-2016³
 - No vaccine safety concerns among pregnant women or their infants

Maternal influenza studies – maternal outcomes

- Medically attended maternal acute events in the VSD^{1,2}
 - Outcomes included allergic reactions, local reactions, neurologic events
 - No increased risk following IIV or monovalent H1N1 vaccines
- Feasibility of text message influenza vaccine safety monitoring during pregnancy^{3,4}
 - Prospective CISA study
 - Post-vaccination fever was infrequent and a typical pattern of maternal and neonatal health outcomes was observed

1. Nordin JD et al. Vaccine (2014)

2. Nordin JD et al. Obstet Gynecol (2013)

3. Stockwell M et al. AJPM (2017)

4. Registered at ClinicalTrials.gov www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCT01974050)

Maternal influenza studies – pregnancy outcomes

- Spontaneous abortion (SAB) in the VSD^{1,2}
 - No increased risk of SAB in the 28 days following IIV exposure during 2005-2007 influenza seasons¹
 - Increased risk of SAB in the 28 days following IIV exposure during 2010-2012 influenza seasons²
 - Risk seen in women vaccinated in prior influenza season
 - Follow up study evaluating subsequent influenza seasons in progress

1. Irving S et al. *Obstet Gynecol* (2013).

2. Donahue JG et al. *Vaccine* (2017).

Maternal influenza studies – pregnancy outcomes

- Medically attended adverse obstetric events in the VSD^{1,2}
 - Outcomes included hyperemesis, gestational hypertension, gestational diabetes, proteinuria, urinary tract infection
 - No increased risk following IIV or monovalent H1N1 vaccines
- Adverse birth outcomes in the VSD³
 - No increased risk of preterm birth or small for gestational age following IIV

1. Kharbanda EO et al. Obstet Gynecol (2013)

2. Nordin JD et al. Vaccine (2014)

3. Nordin JD et al. J Pediatr (2014)

Maternal influenza studies – infant outcomes

- Major birth defects after vaccination in VAERS, 1990 to 2014¹
 - Major birth defects were infrequently reported, with no condition reported disproportionately
- Major structural birth defects in the VSD²
 - No increased risk after first trimester IIV exposure
- Infant mortality and hospitalizations in the VSD³
 - No increased risk of infant death, hospitalization or hospitalizations from respiratory causes following maternal IIV exposure

1. Moro PL, et al. Birth Defects Res (2017).

2. Kharbanda EO et al. Journal of Pediatrics (2017).

3. Sukumaran L et al. Pediatrics [in press]

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses

- Outcomes: fetal death, spontaneous abortion, congenital malformations¹
 - In 19 studies, no increased risk of fetal death, spontaneous abortion, or congenital malformation following influenza vaccine
- Outcomes: stillbirth and spontaneous abortion²
 - In 7 studies, lower risk of stillbirth and no increased risk of spontaneous abortion following influenza vaccine
- Outcome: congenital malformations³
 - In 15 studies, no association was found between congenital defects and influenza vaccination at any trimester or at first trimester

A word about thimerosal

- Currently only used in multi-dose vials of influenza vaccine
- Institute of Medicine: “Immunization safety review: vaccines and autism”¹
 - Scientific evidence does not support a causal association between thimerosal-containing vaccines and autism
- CDC study: “Prenatal and infant exposure to thimerosal from vaccines and immunoglobulins and risk of autism”²
 - Case-control study in VSD found prenatal exposure to thimerosal containing immunizations did not increase the risk of autism

1. Institute of Medicine (US) Immunization Safety Review Committee. (2004).

2. Price CS, et al. Pediatrics (2010).

**Tdap vaccine safety studies:
mom, baby and pregnancy**

Maternal Tdap studies – general safety

- Adverse events after Tdap vaccines in pregnant women in VAERS, 2005-2010¹
 - During a time when Tdap was not routinely recommended in pregnancy, no concerning patterns in maternal, infant, or fetal outcomes
- Enhanced surveillance of Tdap vaccines in pregnancy in VAERS, 2011-2015²
 - No new or unexpected adverse events were noted among vaccinated pregnant women after routine recommendations for maternal Tdap vaccination
 - Changes in reporting patterns expected, given the broader use of Tdap in pregnant women in the third trimester

Maternal Tdap studies – maternal outcomes

- Medically attended maternal acute adverse events in the VSD¹⁻³
 - Outcomes included local reactions, allergic reactions, neurologic events
 - No increased risk following Tdap vaccine, concomitant Tdap and IIV, or following repeated doses of tetanus-containing vaccines
- Clinical study of Tdap safety in pregnant women in CISA (in progress)^{4,5}
 - Prospective observational study in pregnant and non-pregnant women
 - Preliminary findings: Tdap was well tolerated and immunogenic; proportion of reactions in pregnant women receiving repeat Tdap not higher than those receiving first Tdap

Maternal Tdap studies – pregnancy outcomes

- Adverse obstetric events in the VSD¹
 - Small statistically significant increased risk of chorioamnionitis
 - Follow-up study evaluating infant morbidity showed no signals (next slide)
 - No increased risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Chorioamnionitis reports to VAERS²
 - Chorioamnionitis was infrequently reported (<1% of pregnancy reports) over a period of 24 years²
- Adverse birth outcomes in the VSD^{1,3,4}
 - No increased risk of preterm delivery, small for gestational age following Tdap vaccine, concomitant Tdap and IIV, or following repeated doses of tetanus-containing vaccines

1. Kharbanda EO et al. JAMA (2014)
2. Datwani H, et al. Vaccine (2015).
3. Sukumaran L et al. Obstet Gynecol (2015)
4. Sukumaran L et al. JAMA (2015)

Maternal Tdap studies – infant outcomes

- Birth defects in the VSD¹
 - No increased risk of microcephaly or other structural birth defects
 - Response to concerns of increase in microcephaly in Brazil related to Zika
- Infant morbidity in the VSD²
 - No increased risk of tachypnea of newborn, neonatal sepsis, neonatal pneumonia, respiratory distress syndrome, newborn convulsions after maternal Tdap vaccine despite slight increase in diagnosed chorioamnionitis
- Infant mortality and hospitalizations in the VSD³
 - No increased risk for infant death, hospitalizations or respiratory hospitalizations after maternal Tdap

Maternal vaccine safety recap

Recap

- Pregnant women and neonates at increased risk of complications from influenza and pertussis disease
 - Vaccination during pregnancy important tool to protect pregnant women and their infants
- Pregnant women often excluded from drug and vaccine pre-licensure trials
 - Post-licensure monitoring crucial
- The CDC has a comprehensive mechanism for monitoring vaccine safety
 - Studies support the use of influenza and Tdap vaccines in pregnancy and are consistent with larger body of evidence

Your recommendation matters

- Consistently shown in literature to be the most influential factor in a patient's decision to receive an immunization



Maternal Immunization: Understanding Safety and Efficacy and Making a Strong Recommendation

Maternal Vaccination Communication Strategies

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Overview

- ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for pregnant women
- Research surrounding maternal immunization communication
- Role of health care provider
- Use of CDC, ACOG, and ACNM messaging and resources to address patient questions

ACIP recommendations for pregnant women

Maternal Vaccination

Vaccine	Before pregnancy	During pregnancy	After pregnancy	Type of vaccine
Influenza	Yes	Yes, during flu season	Yes	Inactivated
Tdap	May be recommended; it is better to vaccinate during pregnancy when possible	Yes, during each pregnancy	Yes, immediately postpartum, if Tdap never received in lifetime; it is better to vaccinate during pregnancy	Toxoid/ Inactivated
Td	May be recommended	May be recommended, but Tdap is preferred	May be recommended	Toxoid
Hepatitis A	May be recommended	May be recommended	May be recommended	Inactivated
Hepatitis B	May be recommended	May be recommended	May be recommended	Inactivated
Meningococcal	May be recommended	Base decision on risk vs. benefit; inadequate data for specific recommendation	May be recommended	Inactivated
Pneumococcal	May be recommended	Base decision on risk vs. benefit; inadequate data for specific recommendation	May be recommended	Inactivated
HPV	May be recommended (through 26 years of age)	No	May be recommended (through 26 years of age)	Inactivated
MMR	May be recommended; once received, avoid conception for 4 weeks	No	May be recommended	Live
Varicella	May be recommended; once received, avoid conception for 4 weeks	No	May be recommended	Live

Influenza and pregnant women



Health and Economic Cost of Influenza

- Millions of cases per year, varies year to year
- 226,000 hospitalizations per year, >75% among adults¹
- 3,000–49,000 deaths per year, >90% among adults²
- Direct medical cost – \$10.4 billion³
- With loss of work and life – \$87 billion
- Estimates for 2015–2106⁴
 - 25 million illnesses
 - 11 million medical visits
 - 310,000 hospitalizations
 - 12,000 deaths



1. Thompson WW, et al. Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations in the United States. JAMA 2004;292:1333–1340

2. CDC. Estimates of deaths associated with seasonal influenza – United States, 1976–2007. MMWR 2010;59(33):1057–1062

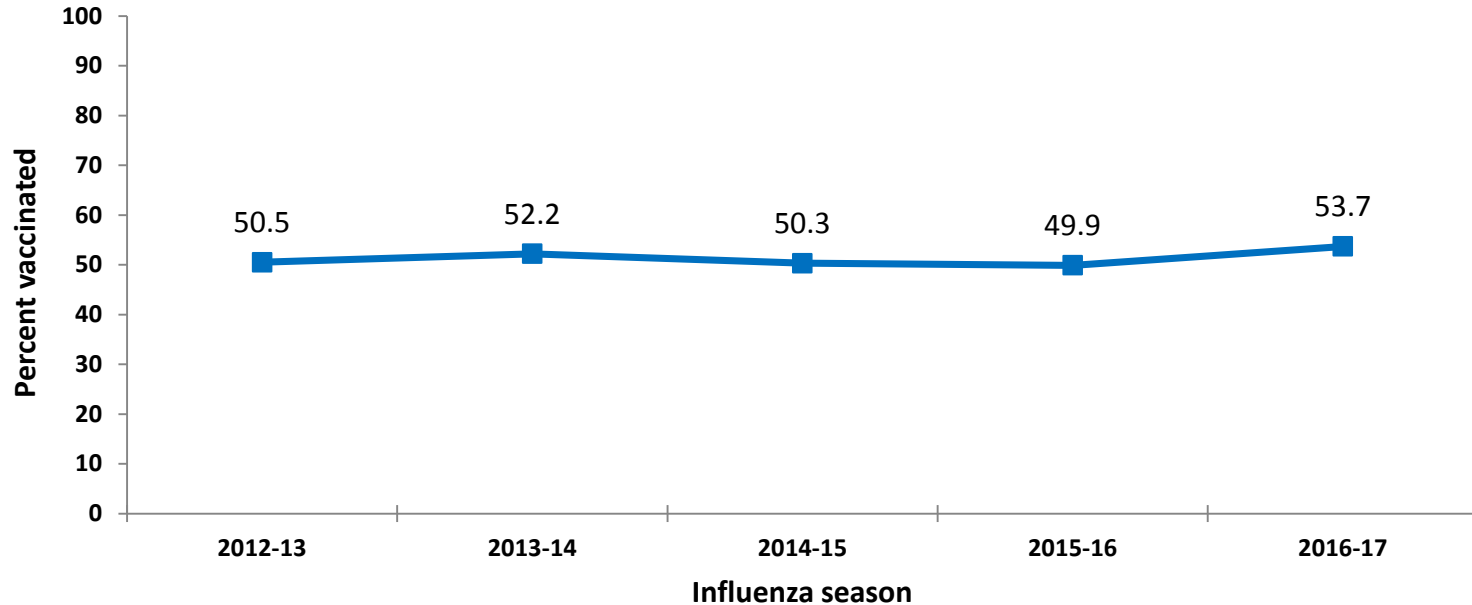
3. Molinari, et al. The annual impact of seasonal influenza in the US: Measuring disease burden and costs. Vaccine 2007;25:5086–5096

4. CDC. Estimated Influenza Illnesses, Medical Visits, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Averted by Vaccination in the United States, 2017. Available at: www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/2015-16.htm

Influenza and Pregnancy

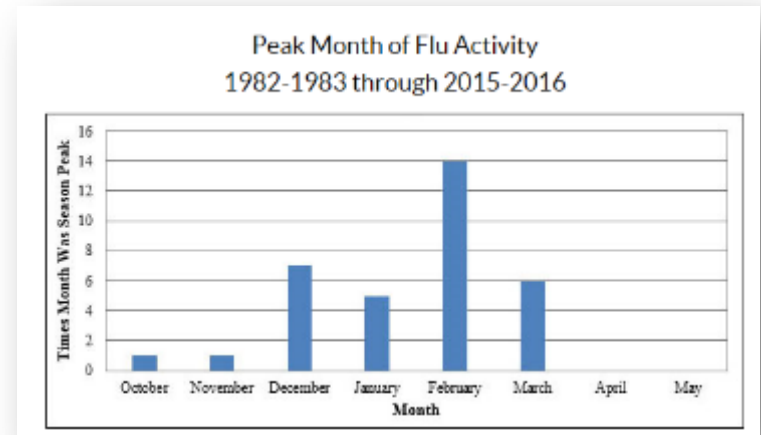
- Influenza illness during pregnancy
 - Higher risk for severe illness and complications
 - Increase in delivery complications (fetal distress, preterm labor, cesarean delivery)
- Vaccinating pregnant women
 - Protective levels of anti-flu antibody for mom, passive transfer of antibody for baby
 - Reduced risk for influenza infection and hospitalizations among infants <6 mos age
 - 36%↓ in respiratory illness for mom, 29%↓ for infants <6 mos age
 - 63%↓ in lab-confirmed flu among infants <6 mos age
- Influenza vaccination recommended for women who are or will be pregnant
 - CDC, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Nurse Midwives, American Academy of Family Physicians

Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Pregnant Women, 2010–2011 through 2016–2017 Influenza Seasons



Maternal Flu Vaccine Recommendation

- CDC recommends that pregnant women get a flu shot during any trimester of their pregnancy to protect themselves and their newborn babies from flu.
- By the end of October, if possible, to help ensure protection before flu activity begins to increase



Pertussis and pregnant women



Burden of Pertussis

- Notifiable disease based on clinical, lab, epi criteria
- 21,000 cases in 2015, 22% among adults (underdiagnosed and underreported)
- Transmission from adults to children
 - Disease most severe for infants
 - Among hospitalized, apnea (61%), pneumonia (23%), death (1%)



Pertussis Vaccination Recommendations

■ Adults

- 1 dose Tdap if previously not received, except for pregnant women

■ Pregnant women

- Direct protection for mom, indirect protection for baby
- Infants of vaccinated moms were born with significantly higher anti-pertussis antibodies if Tdap given in pregnancy weeks 27–36
- Concentration of anti-pertussis antibodies in infant cord blood higher when mothers vaccinated earlier in this window
- Longer exposure to vaccine allows higher vaccine-induced antibody levels produced by mother and transferred to infant
- Vaccination is recommended for *every* pregnancy
- Cocooning alone may not be effective and it is difficult to implement

Pertussis Vaccination Recommendations

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- Direct protection for mom, indirect protection for baby
- Infants of vaccinated moms were better protected from pertussis antibodies if Tdap given in pregnancy
- Concentration of pertussis antibodies in infant cord blood higher when mothers vaccinated during pregnancy
- Longer exposure to vaccine allows higher vaccine-induced antibody levels produced by mother and transferred to infant

Administer 1 dose of Tdap every pregnancy preferably during early part of gestational weeks 27–36



Bottom Lines

- Pregnant women should get influenza vaccine and Tdap (for every pregnancy)
- But vaccination coverage rates remain low
- We know that health care provider recommendations have big impact
- So, focus on effective messaging and communication strategies

What does communication research tell us?

CDC Maternal Research



Summary of Findings from 2014 Mixed Methods Research

Methodology:

- Surveys
- Focus groups
- In depth interviews

Pregnant Women

- Low disease and vaccine awareness
- Protection for their babies is very important
- Want to be assured of safety
- High information-seeking
- Want information from ob-gyn or midwife

Ob-gyns

- Are recommending vaccines to pregnant patients
- Understand importance of maternal vaccination
- Low perceived susceptibility
- Systems barriers to stocking vaccines

Additional Research: November – December 2016

- Online survey and message testing with pregnant women
 - 251 pregnant women aged 18-45 years in U.S. receiving prenatal care
 - Mixed household income, age, and experience with pregnancy
 - Range of intention for flu and Tdap vaccines
- In-depth interviews with HCPs
 - 16 OB-GYNs and 8 certified nurse midwives (CNM)
 - Across all regions of U.S.
 - Included those that provide Tdap onsite + those that refer

Key Findings: Pregnant Women

■ Vaccine Recommendations

- 69% received flu vaccine recommendation and 41% received Tdap vaccine recommendation
- About 60% who received recommendations (for flu or Tdap vaccine) were told the vaccine was “extremely or very important”

■ Vaccine Acceptance

- More respondents had gotten or intended to get flu vaccine (59%) than Tdap (42%)
- 28% had decided not to get each of the vaccines

■ Vaccine Decision-making

- Pregnant women get vaccines because their prenatal care providers recommend them or because they heard the illnesses could harm their baby.
- They want information about safety of individual vaccines, side effects, and vaccine ingredients.

How HCPs Talk about Maternal Vaccines

- Most use similar Tdap and flu vaccine messages with patients
- Most discuss Tdap and flu vaccination concurrently, during initial intake visit
 - Use printed materials to help educate patients about vaccines
- Key message themes to facilitate vaccine conversations:
 - Disease susceptibility and severity
 - Vaccination benefits (protection, passive immunity)
 - Vaccine safety
- CNMs were more likely than OB-GYNs to feel uncomfortable making a strong recommendation for either vaccine, as they view it as a patient decision

Best Ways to Reach Pregnant Women

- Pregnant women get maternal vaccination formation from 3 main sources:
 - 80% HCPs (most important source for 60%)
 - 50% Internet health resources
 - 33% Family
- However, most are not actively looking for information about pregnancy vaccines
- Some pregnant women would be prompted by messages they see online to ask their HCP about maternal vaccination



Role of Health Care Provider

We know pregnant women have questions once they realize they need vaccines...



Are these diseases really dangerous?

Is it safe for me and my baby?

Can't I just get it after my baby is born (like my last pregnancy)?

Why every pregnancy?

Why hasn't my doctor talked to me about this?

Is it enough to just make sure everyone around my baby is vaccinated (or if we stay away from sick people)?

They may look to many sources for pregnancy-related information



Standards for Adult Immunization Practice

- All health care providers, including those who do not provide vaccine services, have role in ensuring adult patients up-to-date on vaccines
- Call to action for adult health care providers to
 - **ASSESS** vaccination status of all patients at every clinical encounter
 - Strongly **RECOMMEND** vaccines that patients need
 - **ADMINISTER** needed vaccines or **REFER** to a vaccine service provider
 - **DOCUMENT** vaccines received by patients in state vaccine registries

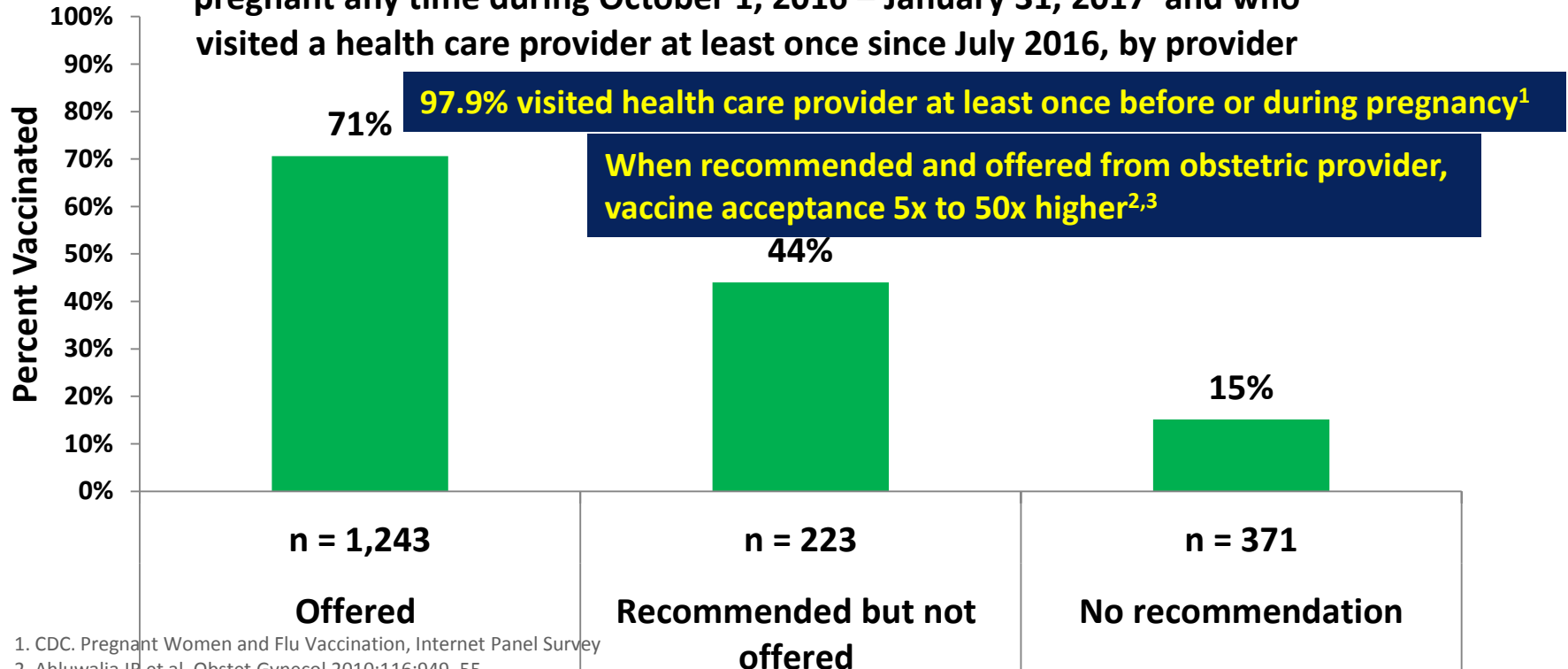
Present Vaccination as a Standard Part of Obstetric Care

- Provide your patients with information and resources about maternal vaccines during her first prenatal visit, and be sure to mention the timeframe for each vaccine when discussing her pregnancy
- Ensure your staff deliver consistent messaging about the importance of maternal vaccines
- Normalize vaccination as part of your patients' pregnancy care

Making a strong recommendation

Vaccination Uptake by Provider Recommendation and Offer

Influenza vaccination coverage before and during pregnancy among women pregnant any time during October 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017 and who visited a health care provider at least once since July 2016, by provider



1. CDC. Pregnant Women and Flu Vaccination, Internet Panel Survey

2. Ahluwalia IB et al. Obstet Gynecol 2010;116:949–55

3. Shavell VI et al. J Am Board Fam Med 2006;19:345–9

A Strong Recommendation Makes a Difference

- Providers should talk to pregnant patients about the importance of **on-time** vaccination
 - Pregnant patients need to be vaccinated to protect them and their babies
 - Pregnant patients may not be aware of the recommendations
 - Healthcare providers are patients most trusted sources of health information during their pregnancies.



Strong Vaccine Recommendation

- CDC's research indicates that some pregnant women do not feel their healthcare providers strongly recommend vaccines
- Providers should state clearly that they would like her to get vaccinated

“Today, I strongly recommend two vaccines to help protect you and your baby against the flu and whooping cough.”

HCPs can SHARE information with patients

- **SHARE** tailored reasons why the recommended vaccine is right for the patient
- **HIGHLIGHT** positive experiences with vaccines to reinforce the benefits and strengthen confidence in vaccination
- **ADDRESS** patient questions and any concerns about the vaccines
- **REMIND** patients about the protection vaccines can help provide from serious diseases
- **EXPLAIN** the potential costs of getting the disease

Resources and Tools



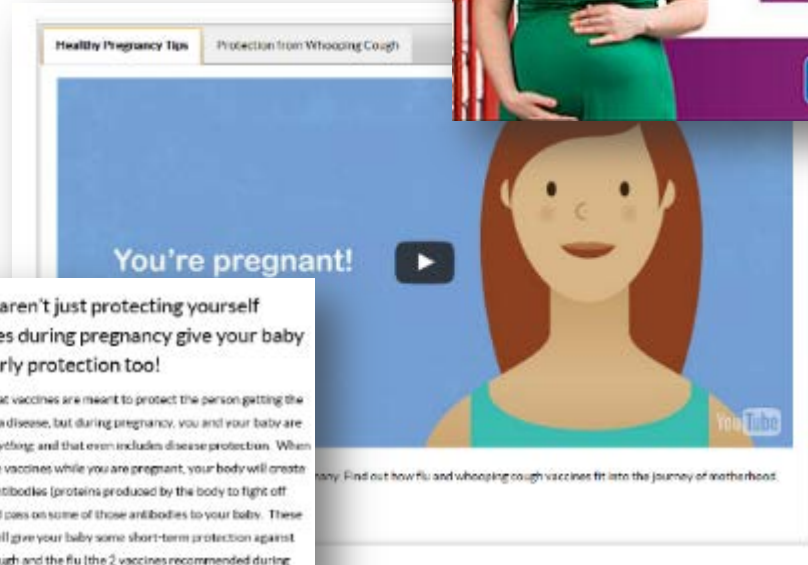
Digital Resources

- Website
- Quiz
- Motion graphic
- Listicle
- Digital Toolkit



#1. You aren't just protecting yourself —vaccines during pregnancy give your baby some early protection too!

You know that vaccines are meant to protect the person getting the shot against a disease, but during pregnancy, you and your baby are sharing everything, and that even includes disease protection. When you get some vaccines while you are pregnant, your body will create protective antibodies (proteins produced by the body to fight off diseases) and pass on some of those antibodies to your baby. These antibodies will give your baby some short-term protection against whooping cough and the flu (the 2 vaccines recommended during pregnancy) early in life.



www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pregnancy

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ACOG Update on Zika Virus

Updated ACOG Tool Kit!

Influenza Immunization During Pregnancy 2015

ACOG's updated tool kit includes materials to help Ob-gyns and other health care providers communicate with pregnant women about the importance of receiving a flu shot.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Pregnancy

pregnant women

are at **HIGHER RISK** for serious complications from the flu.

Pregnant women are at higher risk of complications due to influenza. If your patient is pregnant she should receive the inactivated influenza vaccine, if she is breastfeeding she can receive the inactivated or live vaccine.

- [Pregnancy Overview](#)

Content Spotlight

Download the ACOG app for iPhone and iPad and stay connected with authoritative information from the leading experts in women's health care. The Immunization applet is part of the ACOG app, it is a trusted and interactive resource on immunization best practices.

- [Go to App Store for Apple Devices](#)

Immunization Schedules

Talk to your patients about the importance of immunizations. Review the immunization schedules for any vaccinations they may need.

- [Adult Immunization Schedule](#)
- [Adolescent Immunization Schedules](#)

Immunization News

- February 5, 2016** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the first National Adult Immunization Plan which lays out four goals to increase adult immunization rates in the U.S. Read the National Adult Immunization Plan.
- February 4, 2016** The Surveillance of Vaccination Coverage Among Adult Populations — United States, 2014 noted an increase in vaccination coverage for Tdap and herpes zoster among adults. [read the full MMWR](#).
- February 3, 2016** CDC HAN 387 flu Season Begins: Severe Influenza Illness Reported. CDC urges rapid antiviral treatment of very ill and high risk suspect influenza patients without waiting for testing.

[All Immunization News](#)

- Immunization for Women website
- Patient & Provider Resources:
 - Clinical Guidance
 - FAQs
 - Recommendations
 - Safety
 - Coding and Reimbursement
 - Practice Management

Influenza Immunization During Pregnancy 2015

Tdap Immunization 2017

Immunization Coding for Obstetrician-Gynecologists 2017
Updated With ICD-10

Frequently Asked Questions for Patients Concerning Influenza (Flu) Vaccination During Pregnancy

Frequently Asked Questions for Pregnant Women Concerning Tdap Vaccination

Current Provider Training Needs for Vaccine Administration

Vaccine	Adult Population	Obstetrician-Gynecologists	ICD-10	ICD-9
Influenza	Annual	Annual	Z00.01	93.99
Tdap	Once every 10 years	Once every 10 years	Z00.01	93.99
MM	Once every 4 years	Once every 4 years	Z00.01	93.99
MMRV	Once every 4 years	Once every 4 years	Z00.01	93.99
MM2	Once every 4 years	Once every 4 years	Z00.01	93.99
MM4	Once every 4 years	Once every 4 years	Z00.01	93.99
MM5	Once every 4 years	Once every 4 years	Z00.01	93.99
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ACNM Resources

- Talking Points
- Position statements
- FAQ
- Posters, coloring books
- Curriculum
- Other resources
- <http://midwife.org/Immunization-Resources-for-Providers>
- SuperMom
- <http://ourmomentoftruth.com/your-health/importance-of-vaccines/>



What Can YOU Do?

- **GET VACCINATED**
- **TALK** to pregnant patients about maternal vaccines
 - Tell them why it's important for them and their babies
 - Make the conversation and recommendation memorable and compelling
- **ADMINISTER** indicated vaccines in your office if possible and **FOLLOW UP** to ensure receipt
- **USE** and **PROMOTE** resources available and encourage others to do the same
 - Include maternal vaccine resources in prenatal information packets
 - Promote resources and products through social media channels
- **EDUCATE** your staff about maternal vaccines
 - Identify or serve as a Vaccine Champion in your practice
- **ENCOURAGE** pregnant women to ask questions
- **TELL US** what else you need to help you communicate about vaccines

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pregnancy

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Extra Slides

Spontaneous abortion (SAB) and influenza vaccine

- Background rates of SAB range from 10-22%
- Miscarriages following (not attributed to) influenza vaccine are expected
- Limited data on first trimester influenza vaccine exposure
 - In a 2015 systematic review, 7 studies evaluating SAB found no risk
- Observational studies have limitations
 - Cannot prove flu vaccine was cause of miscarriage
- Original VSD study evaluating 2005-2007 seasons found no risk
 - Follow up study results expected 2019

How to talk to patients about SAB

- Health care decisions should be an ongoing discussion between provider and patient
- Providers should use clinical judgement, based on factors including the patient's health status, local influenza activity, and then benefits versus potential risks from flu vaccination when deciding whether and/or when to immunize their patient against influenza