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Whales Tales

Keeping MOBI Trainers Informed

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Welcome to Whale's Tales, a periodic bulletin written for the MOBI Trainer. Whale's Tales reports the pertinent information about statewide MOBI training activities, trainer experiences, challenges and immunization information that impact the MOBI trainer and course participant.



From Our Medical Director

MOBI CHANGES FOR 2015

At our February Train-the-Trainer program, we introduced the new MOBI modules and the addition of Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles to the program. Trainers are now going out and incorporating these changes into their MOBI presentations. Change is often hard so we encourage trainers to let us know what is working well, what can be done to improve presentations, and what (if anything) should be deleted from the MOBI presentation. We want to keep an open dialogue as everyone is getting used to the new process. We thank you for your openness and flexibility as we work together to improve the immunization rate among Ohio's infants and children.

AN UPDATE ABOUT MENINGOCOCCUS GROUP B VACCINES

Below is a brief update about the two new FDA-approved meningococcus Group B vaccines:

BEXSERO (Novartis): 2 doses (0.5 mL IM each) at least one month apart

TRUMENBA (Pfizer): 3 doses (0.5 mL IM each) on a 0, 2, and 6 month schedule

Both are approved for individuals 10 to 25 years of age.

Currently, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has only recommended them for these high risk groups:

- Those with persistent complement component deficiencies
- Those who have functional or anatomic asplenia (those with sickle cell anemia are the major group)
- Microbiologists who work in the laboratory with meningococcus group B
- College students when there is an outbreak of meningococcus group B disease at their college

ACIP did not express a preference for one vaccine over the other vaccine. ACIP has not yet recommended them for routine use. At the upcoming June ACIP meeting, discussions about these vaccines are expected to continue.

For additional information, see

<http://aapnews.aapublications.org/content/early/2015/03/02/aapnews.20150302-1>

NOTE: The use of trade names is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by the Ohio AAP.

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK, APRIL 18-25, 2015

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), set for April 18-25, 2015 is an annual observance that highlights the benefits of immunizations for children two years old and younger. Since 1994, local and state health departments, health care professionals, community leaders, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have worked together during NIIW to:



- Educate parents and caregivers about the dangers of vaccine-preventable diseases
- Promote the benefits of vaccines. Routine childhood immunization in one birth cohort prevents about 20 million cases of disease and about 42,000 deaths. It also saves about \$13.5 billion in direct costs.
- Provide parents and caregivers with reminders and recalls for needed immunization appointments
- Ensure that all children have access to vaccination services.

NIIW recognizes the work that MOBI trainers do throughout Ohio all 52 weeks of the year.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!

For additional information about NIIW, see www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html

Feel free to email us if you have any questions or suggestions about MOBI.

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THANK YOU,

Rebecca Brady MD

Headlines:

MOBI in the News: A MOBI Trainer was able to talk briefly about the program in a recent interview with WTOL in Toledo. Thanks Jennifer Wagner! Go to this link to watch the video: <http://ow.ly/Li9UF>

Advocacy-Focused Ohio Pediatrics: The Spring 2015 edition of *Ohio Pediatrics*, the Ohio AAP's quarterly print newsletter, is focused on the Chapter's advocacy efforts. Several articles feature immunization-related topics including the new child care immunization law, a proposed meningitis vaccine mandate and more. You may view an electronic version of *Ohio Pediatrics* at OhioAAP.org, click on "news" and then "*Ohio Pediatrics*."

Updated MOBI Resources: Below are newly updated MOBI Resource Pack resources with the accompanying links:

It's Federal Law! (4/3/15)

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2027.pdf>

Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines (3/13/15)

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3072a.pdf>

Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations (3/15)

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2017.pdf>

Summary of Recommendations for Child/Teen Immunization (2/15)

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2010.pdf>

Trainers are encouraged to print a copy of the updated resources to include in your upcoming MOBI presentation. Practices are also provided a link and password to the "Practice Resource Page" on the MOBI website that allows them to access and print any resources updated since the last printing.

Resource Packs: As you heard at the MOBI Train-the-Trainer in February and March, we are combining the Office and Attendee Resource Packs. These were split into two packets many years ago to save on printing costs, but with advancements in printing, we believe this will be less costly, more earth-friendly and more efficient. Melanie Farkas will keep trainers updated on when we will switch to one packet.

In the meantime, packets being sent out were printed in November 2014. The MOBI office is including a copy of the 2015 Schedule, Best Practices, and the updated evaluation for each attendee in boxes we send out.

MOBI Technical Assistance Call: a chance for you to get questions answered and hear issues other trainers are having.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9105641095498896386>

(this link will also be provided to you via email)

MOBI Online Forms: Please be sure you are using the 2015 versions of the following online forms:

- Program Planner
- Best Practices
- Trainer Feedback
- One Month Follow-Up

These forms are located at <http://www.ohioaap.org/forms>. Note: you no longer need to use the online attendance form due to the new way of issuing continuing education certificates.

Thank you,
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