



Whale's Tales

July 2013

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

Thank you to the many MOBI trainers for scheduling and/or presenting more than 300 programs since the start of 2013!

Letter from Dr. V:

So for this version of *Whales Tales* Karen suggested a review of some recent trainer questions. I enjoy the random trainer questions. It seems the ACIP schedule and notes are never clear enough (I have to keep scratching my head sometimes) and there never seems to be a shortage of interesting things that practices will do.

So, here are some recent questions.

I had a phone call from a mother that wants to know if her daughter who is 18 should get the Varivax vaccine. The situation is this: mother says the daughter had only a handful of spots when she was 1½ years old. (Brother had just gotten over chicken pox at that time.) Because she is going into the health-care field she now wonders about getting the vaccine just to make sure since it was such a mild case. The daughter did not see a doctor to document the case at that time. Would like to know your opinion? Since it was not documented by a physician, I believe it would be recommended to give it to her?

There are two options. You can send a blood sample for Varicella titers to see if someone had the disease and has protective titers. Most people who don't believe they had the chicken pox, did actually have a subclinical case and do have antibodies.

However, the cost of the titers is higher than giving the vaccine and so often we would just immunize someone who is not sure of their status. Given her age, she would need two doses separated by a minimum of 6 months. There is no downside to giving vaccine to someone who has already had the disease.

If a child is 22 months old and has had three doses of Prevnar the 1st at age 2 mo., the 2nd at age 4 mo., and the 3rd at over the age of one year (was 2 weeks past the 1 yr birthday). Would the child need a fourth dose at this time?

No, the child does not need a fourth dose. Since the 3rd dose was give above the age of 12 months and the timing from the previous dose was greater than 8 weeks, the 3rd dose counts as the final dose. I agree, the charts are not always easy to interpret.

I am doing a MOBI presentation at a pediatric practice where the pediatrician does not give the 1st dose of Varicella vaccine at 12 months of age. She waits to see if the child gets the disease by the time they go to kindergarten. If not, then she will either give both doses at that time, or ask the parent if they want to sign a waiver for school to opt out of getting the vaccine. Her reason is she feels that chicken pox is supposed to be a childhood disease and if children receive the vaccine as a child, their protection will wane over time. She says that if that happens, it will be a much worse outcome for adults to get the disease. I have tried everything to get her to see that the Varicella vaccine is no different than any other vaccine, but she will not change her stance on this. Therefore, we have a lot of children that are unprotected from Varicella. The school that is in her area is upset about this issue as well.

Would you have any good information that I could share with her to try to help her understand why this it is important for children to receive Varicella vaccine according to the recommended schedule?

Ok, so WOW. Let me look at some resources. You could start by giving the ACIP recommendations on Varicella in the MOBI ACIP recommendations folder. It's a little thick, but comprehensive. I will look for some more user-friendly resources. In the meantime please make sure that any patients you see are being vaccinated according to the recommended schedule.

I had a call from a pediatric practice. They have a patient who is now 9 years old, but when he was 8 he was given a Tdap (not sure why) and they want to know when he turns 11 will he need another Tdap?

At this point the child is only recommended to get one dose of Tdap with all subsequent doses of tetanus vaccine to be Td. This is likely to change in June with the ACIP meeting to discuss

Tdap, but we won't know how it will change until then. Currently no one is recommended to get > one dose of Tdap except pregnant women with each pregnancy.

I received a call from a pediatric practice in the Cleveland area wanting to know if we had any information on the uprise of peanut oil in vaccines causing peanut reactions. She had one parent refuse the vaccine for her child. The nurse wanted to know if we had a statement they could distribute to parents.

There's peanut oil in vaccines? The amount of inappropriate vaccine information on the Internet is ridiculous. There are no contraindications for vaccines other than the routine recommendations against allergic reaction against a vaccine component, history of severe anaphylactic egg reaction for an egg-based vaccine and other vaccine specific vaccine precautions and contraindications. There is no specific educational piece regarding peanut oil and vaccines.

Hope you found this helpful.

We are now a few months into the use of the new (partially expanded) program. If you have particular reports about how the new slides in the program are (or aren't) working, please let me know.

I am working on the September MOBI now and if the new program is not working you have to speak up. You can email me at drvmobi@yahoo.com or Karen at kkirk@ohioaap.org

Sincerely,
Dr. V

MOBI Office Moves: The Ohio AAP/MOBI offices moved on July 9. Our new address is 94-A North Woods Blvd, Columbus Ohio 43235. Phone (614-846-6350) and Fax (614-846-4025) have remained the same.

Training News:

2013 MOBI TTT Workshop: The next full-day MOBI Train-the-Trainer Workshop for NEW trainers, and those unable to attend the March/April 2013 workshops, will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013**. An email was sent to all trainers last week with details. This MOBI workshop will be in the new MOBI office located at 94-A North Woods Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Trainers **must attend** a MOBI TTT workshop every year in order to be able to present the 2013 curriculum. Please contact Karen Kirk if you are new to MOBI, or if you know of a staff member who is planning to join MOBI as a trainer for the 2013 year.

The 10th Statewide Immunization Conference sponsored by the Consortium for Healthy and Immunized Communities Inc., will be held Oct. 18, 2013 in Cleveland. This conference will focus on effective strategies to improve the systems for immunizing adults, teens and children. For conference information and registration, go to:
<http://immunizeohio.org/events/10th-statewide-immunization-conference-2013/register>

News you can use:

ACIP will no longer issue provisional recommendations: ACIP has incorporated all previous provisional recommendations into *MMWR* published recommendations. Once ACIP recommendations are published in *MMWR*, they become official HHS/CDC recommendations. The *MMWR* publication represents the final and official CDC recommendations for immunization of the U.S. population. News of this, along with all ACIP recommendations can be found on the newly designed ACIP website at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/>

News Splash:

New Resources: IAC has launched a new initiative called – *Please Help Give Birth to the End of Hep B!*. With this new initiative, comes a brand new 84 page guidebook, *Hepatitis B: What Hospitals Need to Do to Protect Newborns*. This book can be downloaded at no cost at:
<http://www.immunize.org/protect-newborns/guide/> IAC's new Hep B initiative website section can be found at <http://www.immunize.org/protect-newborns/>. Remember, nearly 1 in 3 newborns in the United States leave the hospital unvaccinated against Hep B, causing approximately 800 U.S. newborns to become infected each year because of perinatal exposure.

2) **IAC Handouts:** IAC released its updated *Influenza Vaccine Products for the 2013-2014 Influenza Season* handouts, featuring the wide array of influenza vaccines available for the 2013-14 season. It can be found at: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4072.pdf>

3) **ACIP Handouts:** ACIP has updated two tables that will prove very useful when reviewing immunization records. They are as follows:

CDC Acronyms & Abbreviations - A table where you will find abbreviations for current and older used vaccines and older abbreviations commonly found on past immunization records. The link for this guide is <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/terms/vacc-abbrev.htm>

ACIP US Vaccine Abbreviations - This table is a table of standardized vaccine abbreviations and provides a uniform approach to vaccine references made by the ACIP. The link for this table is <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/committee/guidance/vac-abbrev.pdf>

MOBI Website

Prior to presenting a MOBI, please visit the MOBI website at:

[http://www.ohioaap.org/program-initiatives/maximizing-office-based-immunization-\(mobi\)](http://www.ohioaap.org/program-initiatives/maximizing-office-based-immunization-(mobi))
to find updated resources and interesting articles that you may want to include in your MOBI

presentation. The Ohio AAP website, including the MOBI page, is in the process of being redesigned! Hopefully, the new design will make it easier for MOBI trainers to find the information they need.

One-Month Follow Ups

You can now eliminate some of your paperwork by completing your one-month follow-ups online! The one-month follow up form is now available online at Survey Monkey. Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MOBI1>

In Question #1, please leave the MOBI **Presentation Number** blank. This will be filled in by the MOBI staff. Once you complete the follow-up form - CLICK "DONE" and you will receive a "Thank You" message. After you have completed the evaluation, please send an email with the name and the date of the MOBI presentation to Karen Kirk at kkirk@ohioaap.org so that she can insert the presentation number. If you have any questions, please call Karen.

Whale's Tales welcomes all FAXES, calls, mail to the MOBI Program at (614) 846-6350