

Whale's Tales



October 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 more than 400 programs since the start of 2013.

Letter from Dr. V:

Well, first the bad news. As many of you may have seen, the data from the 2012 National Immunization Survey recently was published and Ohio (as well as the Nation) did not fare well.

For completion of the 4,3,1,3,3,1,4 vaccine series at 35 months of age Ohio's rate was 66.8% and the National rate was 68.4%. This represents a decrease of 7.9 points from the 2011 NIS data and places Ohio 33rd in the Nation for completion of this series. It also reflects the first time I can remember that Ohio fell below the National average and a significant decreased from our high point in 2009 of 80.3% (4,3,1,3,3,1 series). What are the causes? It's unclear at this time but looking at the individual vaccines Ohio dropped coverage rates in all except completion of either 1 or 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine or completion of any Rotavirus vaccine. We met the 90% goal for vaccines only for 3 doses of Polio, 1 MMR, 3Hib and 1 Varicella. No one vaccine seemed to be affected disproportionately, but this past year has seen issues with vaccine availability.

Bottom line is that despite practices facing numerous challenges in vaccine supply, vaccine cost, vaccine storage and handling, parental vaccine hesitancy and health-care utilization during strenuous economic circumstances, practices need to do a better job of vaccinating young children.

Luckily, we are available to help them do that!

How about some good news? MOBI September 2013 is available and is now available online. Karen recently sent out a *MOBI Alert* with information on how to access the MOBI

program online through the MOBI website. This is intended to be downloaded from the site and then used for presentation. It will not work to try and log on and run the program from a private office setting.

I want to thank the trainers who attended the recent September training and remind everyone that our grant REQUIRES one face-to-face training session per year to remain certified for the MOBI program. Rare exceptions are made for health-related concerns.

I would also like to thank the health departments who submitted letters of support for the MOBI grant. Reading through them I continue to be enthusiastic about the change we can make in practices immunization rates.

Thanking you for all you do.

Sincerely,
Dr. V

Training News:

2013 MOBI TTT Workshop: Thanks to the approximate 20 trainers who attended our September MOBI TTT Workshop at the new Ohio AAP Office. Presented were the newly updated MOBI materials, which are available to all MOBI trainers. See *News Splash* for details on the new materials.

If you have any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to call or email Karen Kirk at kkirk@ohioaap.org, Dr. Vogelgesang at doctorv@yahoo.com or Kari Veraas kvquest@aol.com.

The next scheduled MOBI TTT Workshop will take place in early 2014. We will keep you posted when a date has been finalized.

News Splash:

Updated MOBI Resources – The updated September 2013 MOBI Power Point slides, presentation notes, resource packs and disc are now available for trainers. Each trainer, who is presenting a program between now and March 2014, will receive a new program disc and presenter notes that will be labeled September 2013- March 2014. Please discard the old disc and use the new disc for all upcoming programs. The updated resource packs will be mailed out to trainers who have upcoming programs this fall and winter and have sent in program planners to the MOBI office prior to their program. Check before your upcoming programs to make sure you have materials marked September 2013.

The September Update to MOBI include the following changes:

Updated Slides/Presenter Notes:

1. Slide 17 Recent Changes/Updates Slide - Added Menveo (MCV4-CRM) to meningococcal recommendations with newly expanded age range for infants/children at risk for invasive meningococcal disease.
2. Removed Slide 18 - which was the 2nd slide of Recent Changes/Updates (PCV13 and HPV 4)
3. Slide 19 - Who needs an annual flu vaccine - Changed the Presenter Notes - condensed the list of different influenza vaccines - removed Fluzone High Dose TIV and Fluzone Intradermal.
4. Added New Hepatitis B Birth Dose slide - Addresses that only 70% of infants receive a HepB vaccine at birth, resulting in an estimated 800 cases of hepatitis B infection yearly.
5. MOVED Catch-Up slide - to follow the new Hepatitis B Birth Dose slide
6. Slide 28 Storage and Handling - Title change of slide - (formally Vaccine Management) and Presenter Note Change - removed last line of notes - (MMR/MMRV must be protected from light.)
7. Slide 35 Ohio Immunization Rate - Presenter Note Change - Add directions on how to add AFIX data to the graph on slide.
8. Slide 39 Reviewing Immunization Records - Changed wording on the Route and Site Selection information on slide with corresponding Presenter Note change. Removed Sentence - Nonstandard Routes may increase adverse reactions.
9. Slide 49 - Title Change from "Choose your strategy" to "What will you do?"

Updated Resource Pack

1. Added Meningococcal Vaccination Recommendations by Age and/or Risk Factor Resource Sheet
2. Updated all resource sheets to latest edition as of early September 2013.

Office Resource Pack

1. Added the newly expanded Temperature Logs - The temperature logs have major revisions with the freezer and refrigerator grids separated into separate logs. We've included these along with the new Vaccine Storage Trouble Shooting Record and a sample of this record showing how to accurately document your findings.
2. Added New Color Refrigerator Graphic -"Vaccine Storage Guidelines"- shows how to properly store vaccines in a combination refrigerator/freezer.

All MOBI Trainers are encouraged to visit the newly designed MOBI website (www.ohioaap.org/projects/maximizing-office-based-immunization-mobi/) and download the new Power Point slides. This area is password protected. The password is MOBI (all caps). Follow the prompts and within seconds you will have the choice of MOBI Slides and/or the clinical disease slides on your computer.

There are MOBI Resource pack resources that have been updated since the September Program update and can be found on the MOBI website under the link "Updated MOBI Resources". You are encouraged to download the updated resource and include this updated resource in your upcoming MOBI presentations. Some MOBI Trainers will bring an updated

copy of the resource and ask the provider to copy and distribute the new resource. Other trainers provide several copies of the new resource and distribute during their program. Another choice would be to share the link with the practice and encourage them to download the newly revised resource. The choice is yours.

Updated MOBI Resource Pack resources with the accompanying links:

How to administer Intramuscular, Intradermal and Intranasal Influenza vaccines
(September 2013)

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2020.pdf>

Influenza 2013-2014 Season Influenza dosing Algorithm - Newly released! To help health-care professionals determine the number of doses of Influenza vaccine, the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) just revised and released its professional education handout "Guides for determining the number of doses of influenza vaccine to give to children ages 6 months through 8 years during the 2013-14 influenza season." Go to: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3093.pdf>.

Pink Book update – The latest information is that the new addition of the Pink Book will not be available until the end of the year. Karen continues to keep a list of practices that will receive a Pink Book when they become available.

Thank You

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