



Policy and Procedure

Policy Name:	Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) Protocol		
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Relevant Law/Standard:	California Department of Health Care Services under Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 53230. (Requires the review and certification of Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) sites.) Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter 20-006, Site Reviews: Facility Site Review and Medical Record Review or any superseding APL 42 USC 300aa-26(D)(2)		

Purpose:

Vaccine Immunization Statements are published by CDC is to be provided to the patient/parent/guardian prior to administration of that vaccination. Providers present a copy of the current VIS (such as a laminated copy in a binder, etc.) to the patient/parent/guardian and allow time for the patient to read and ask questions. Staff should also offer a copy each time

Definition:

Vaccine Immunization Statements are information sheets produced by the CDC that explain both the benefits and risks of a vaccine-to-vaccine recipient. The most current VIS are available from state and local health departments or can be downloaded from the CDC web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm> or by calling the CDC Immunization Hotline at (800) 232-2522.

Policy:

VIS copies will be provided to patients or patient’s family members in their preferred language prior to receiving a vaccination.

Procedure:

- A. Health care providers must present and offer a VIS to patients prior to any vaccine. As of 2009, CDC allows providers to present a current VIS (such as a laminated copy in a binder, etc.) to the patient/parent/guardian and allow time for the patient to read and ask questions. Staff should also offer a copy each time.
- B. The date the VIS was given (or presented and offered) and the publication date of the VIS must be documented in the patient’s medical record.
- C. Federal law allows up to 6 months for a new VIS to be used.

D. Methods for presenting and offering VIS

- Paper Copies of the VIS can be printed and given to patients prior to vaccinations
- Permanent, laminated office copies may be given to patients to read prior to vaccination (must offer most recent publication)
- Patients may view VIS on a computer monitor or other video display
- Patients may read the VIS on their phone or other digital device by downloading the pdf file from CDC's website (see Link below)
- Patients may be given a copy of a VIS during a prior visit, or told how to access it through the internet, so they can read it in advance. These patients must still be offered a copy to read during the immunization visit as a reminder.
- Patients must still be offered a copy of the VIS to take away following the vaccination.

E. Patient may decline the VIS

- Document declination into the member medical record

Resources:

- The most current VIS are available from state and local health departments or can be downloaded from the CDC web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm> or by calling the CDC Immunization Hotline at (800) 232-2522.
- VFC contains current VIS and provider notifications at: <http://www.eziz.org/>
- CDC's Facts about VIS: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/about/facts-vis.html>

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