



Policy and Procedure

Policy Name:	Childhood Immunizations Given According to ACIP Guidance		
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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		

Purpose:

On-time vaccination throughout childhood is essential because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines are tested to ensure that they are safe and effective for children to receive at the recommended ages. CDC recommends all children receive vaccines according to the recommended immunization schedule to protect them from 14 diseases by age two.

Policy:

Immunization status is assessed at each health assessment visit. Practitioners are required to ensure the provision of immunizations according to CDC’s most recent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines, unless medically contraindicated, vaccine shortage or refused by the parent. (see Links)

Procedure:

1. Give vaccinations according to ACIP guidelines and provider's order,
 - a. Check up to date vaccination status
 - b. Check local immunization information system
 - c. Screen for contraindications and precautions (see Links)
2. Document each vaccine administration appropriately (see PP Vaccination Administration Documentation)
3. Document any parental declinations, vaccine shortages, medical contraindications or adverse reaction in the patient’s Medical Record.

Links:

ACIP Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html>

Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents 18 years or younger:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

Screening checklist for contraindications to vaccines for children and teens:

<https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4060.pdf>

CDC Resources for Health Care Providers: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/resources.html>

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