

Childhood/Adolescent Immunizations

A resource for pediatricians and pediatric practices



We want to make sure our members—your patients—are getting the childhood/adolescent immunizations recommended as part of routine well visits¹.

As the patient’s trusted health care provider, you play an important role in educating your patients’ caregivers on the importance of immunizations to the child’s health. In adolescents, you also play an important role in emphasizing how the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine can help prevent cancer, and how other vaccines can prevent other common diseases.

HEDIS measures

NCQA’s Health Care Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures compliance with best practice guidelines. Review these measures for improvement opportunities in your practice.

Measure	Description
Childhood Immunization Status	<p>The percentage of children who had these vaccines by their second birthday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP) • 3 polio (IPV) • 1 measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) • 3 haemophilus influenza type B (HiB) • 3 hepatitis B (Hep B) • 1 chicken pox (VZV) • 4 pneumococcal conjugate (PCV) • 1 hepatitis A (Hep A) • 2 or 3 rotavirus (RV) • 2 influenza (flu) vaccines <p>The measure calculates a rate for each vaccine and 9 separate combination rates.</p>
Human Papillomavirus Vaccine for Female Adolescents Immunizations for Adolescents	<p>The percentage of female adolescents who had 3 doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series by their 13th birthday.</p>
Immunizations for Adolescents	<p>The percentage of adolescents who had these vaccines by their 13th birthday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine • 1 tetanus, diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) or • 1 tetanus, diphtheria toxoids vaccine (Td) • Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 HPV on or between 9th and 13th birthdays OR at least 3 HPV vaccines between 9th & 13th birthdays <p>The measure calculates a rate for each vaccine and two combination rates.</p>



¹ Immunizations recommended by the CDC, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and Massachusetts Health Quality Partners.



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Resources for providers

Here are some resources you can use to get recommended immunization schedules for your practice.

Vaccines and immunizations

[cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm)

Immunization schedules Blue Cross endorses²

[bluecrossma.com/provider](https://www.bluecrossma.com/provider). Log in and go to **Patient Engagement > Preventive & Chronic Care Reminders**

Payment

Refer to our **[Immunizations Payment Policy](#)** to learn how we reimburse for immunizations.

Resources for your patients

Immunization and screening schedules, articles, and interactive tools

ahealthyme.com

Immunization information for Federal Employee Program members

[fepblue.org](https://www.fepblue.org)

HPV vaccine information for parents and the public
[cdc.gov/hpv](https://www.cdc.gov/hpv)

Did you know?

- According to the CDC, 6 out of 10 boys and 4 out of 10 girls in the US have not started the recommended HPV vaccine series, leaving them vulnerable to cancers caused by HPV infections. Please talk to your patients about cancer risks and the benefits of this preventive vaccine.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends routine immunization for adolescents aged 11–12 years for protection against diseases including pertussis, meningococcal disease, and human papillomavirus (HPV)–associated cancers.

² Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts endorses the Massachusetts Health Quality Partners immunization schedule, which uses CDC immunization guidelines. These recommendations represent a core set of quality clinical guidelines. The guidelines should not supersede clinical judgment or the needs of individual patients.