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**1. Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)**

Immunization Program  
800 NE Oregon St., Ste. 370  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
Phone: 503-731-4020  
Fax: 503-731-3095

[www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/imm/welcome.htm](http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/imm/welcome.htm)

**2. Contact your local health department**

**3. Latest Immunization News**

To keep up with the latest information on immunization, the Immunization Newsbrief is published Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (except holidays) by Information, Inc. and the Infectious Diseases Society.

[www.infoinc.com/imnews2/regform/html](http://www.infoinc.com/imnews2/regform/html)

**4. American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)**

The *ASCP Statement on the Role of the Consultant Pharmacist in Immunization Programs in the Long-Term Care Environment* and *Guidelines on the Role of the Consultant Pharmacist in Immunization Programs for Long-Term Care Environments* are available on the ASCP web site. These documents serve as a useful starting point for the consultant pharmacist who wishes to assist in implementing these programs.

[www.immunizeseniors.org](http://www.immunizeseniors.org)

**5. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**A.** The National Immunization Program (NIP) home page has a variety of useful information.

[www.cdc.gov/nip/](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/)

The NIP page includes links to a number of useful publications, including:

- Immunization schedule for adults
- Recommendations of the Advisory Committee of
- Strategies for increasing adult vaccination rates
- Prevention and Control of VPDs in Long-Term Care Facilities (PDF File)
- Patient Education Materials (dated and nondated) (PDF files)

[www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/)

### **Flu Home Page**

**B.** This page contains information on latest recommendations, media reports, surveillance, information on the current vaccine supply, and historical information on past flu seasons.

[www.cdc.gov/nip/Flu/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/Flu/default.htm)

### **National Vaccine Program Office**

**C.** The National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) is a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The role of the NVPO is to implement the objectives of the National Vaccine Plan. The NVPO has information on immunization policies, concepts, and laws. You'll also find information on vaccine safety, vaccine publications, the future of vaccines, and more.

[www.cdc.gov/od/nvpo](http://www.cdc.gov/od/nvpo)

## **6. National Coalition for Adult Immunization**

The National Coalition for Adult Immunization has a variety of resource information relating to adult immunization, including downloadable print materials such as posters, brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, reports, and other promotional materials.

[www.nfid.org/ncai](http://www.nfid.org/ncai)

National Adult Immunization Week is the third week of October. The National Coalition on Adult Immunization (NCAI) has developed a campaign kit to support this immunization awareness event. To download a copy of the kit with posters, flyers, and other promotional materials, go to:

[www.nfid.org/ncai/publications/naiaw-kit](http://www.nfid.org/ncai/publications/naiaw-kit)

**7. Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)**

HCFA pays for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines for Medicare beneficiaries.

[www.hcfa.gov](http://www.hcfa.gov)

Links for health care providers on the Medicare Learning Network:

[www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/cdcflu.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/cdcflu.htm)

Immunization quick reference guide:

[www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/refimmu.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medlearn/refimmu.htm)

Flu and Pneumonia Campaign:

[www.hcfa.gov/quality/3g.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/quality/3g.htm)

How to bill Medicare for Flu and Pneumococcal Vaccines:

[www.hcfa.gov/quality/3g8.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/quality/3g8.htm)

**8. Immunization Action Coalition/Hepatitis B Coalition**

The Hepatitis B Coalition is a program of the Immunization Action Coalition, a nonprofit organization devoted to boosting immunization issues. The coalition has a variety of resources at this site (see address below).

The Immunization Action Coalition also has a free e-mail newsletter designed to inform health professionals about news and resources related to immunization issues. Interested persons can sign at the Coalition web site (see address below).

[www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)

**9. The Immunization Gateway: Your Vaccine Fact Finder**

This site is a comprehensive collection of direct links to the most authoritative information about vaccines on the Internet, organized so you will not have to deal with cumbersome indices. This site includes links to Canadian WHO, international, and other pertinent resources. This site is a free service from Facts and Comparisons, Inc.

[www.immunofacts.com/](http://www.immunofacts.com/)

## Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) Basics

### What is a Vaccine Information Statement?

A Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) is a one-page (two-sided) information sheet, produced by the CDC, informing vaccine recipients—or their parents or legal representatives—of the benefits and risks of a vaccine. The law requires them to be given out whenever certain vaccinations are given.

### Who must receive a VIS?

All children and adults who receive vaccines covered under the National Childhood Vaccine Safety Act. As of September 2001, VIS's that must be used are DTaP, Td, MMR, Polio, Hepatitis B, Hib, Varicella, and Pneumococcal Conjugate.

### Do providers need to use a VIS for Influenza and Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccines?

Maybe. These vaccines are not covered by the National Childhood Vaccine Safety Act, but a VIS must be used if the vaccines were purchased through a CDC contract, such as VFC or 317 funds. A VIS is not required for vaccines purchased through other sources.

For optimum patient understanding of risks and benefits of vaccines, the use of VIS's for Influenza and Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccines is highly recommended for all vaccines and all providers.

### When must a VIS be given out?

They must be given out at the time of each vaccination—prior to administration of the vaccine.



## How To Get Vaccine Information Statements VIS's:

### ❖ National Immunization Program

[www.cdc.gov/nip](http://www.cdc.gov/nip)

You can download all VIS's as PDF documents. These can, ideally, then be printed out to look exactly like their print counterparts—and therefore be used as camera-ready copy. In reality, they don't always print out perfectly. Sometimes the graphics don't come through clearly, and sometimes parts of the forms don't print out at all. Here are some tips that might help if you have problems:

- Make sure you have Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.01 or later.
- Download the file directly to disk by holding down the shift key when you click on the link to the PDF file. Save the file to disk and then open Acrobat Reader and print the file.
- Print one page at a time. If your printer is limited in memory, this can help.

### ❖ Oregon Department of Human Services

A camera-ready version can be downloaded from the DHS Immunization Program website

[www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/imm/welcome.htm](http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/imm/welcome.htm)

## Translations

VIS's are translated into a number of languages by the California and Minnesota immunization programs. Availability of VIS's in languages other than English is evolving, but they should be available in these languages:

Arabic, Croatian (Serbian), Haitian Creole, Laotian, Samoan, Tagalog, Armenian, Farsi, Hmong, Portugese, Serbo-Croatian, Vietnamese Cambodian, French, Japanese, Romanian, Somali, Chinese, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish

Translations can currently be found on two websites:

- Minnesota Health Department  
[www.health.state.mn.us/divs/dpc/adps/translte.htm](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/dpc/adps/translte.htm)
- Immunization Action Coalition  
[www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)

For more information, call California at (510) 540-2065 or Minnesota at (612) 676-5237.

A set of six videotapes of VIS's (MMR, DTP, Polio, Hepatitis B, Hib, and Varicella) is available in Spanish from the University of Michigan. Tapes run approximately 5-9 minutes each, and a set costs \$25.

For information, call (517) 353-2596.

