

## Immunizing Pharmacist Protocol

Inactivated Poliovirus [IPV] Vaccine (IPOL <sup>®1</sup> )	
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### 1. What's new

No changes.

### 2. Oregon immunization model standing order

- A. Check the ALERT Immunization Information System (IIS) to determine whether the patient needs this vaccine and any other vaccines.

- B. Screen clients for contraindications.
- C. Provide a current Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), answering any questions.
- D. Record all required data elements in the client's permanent health record.
- E. Verify needle length for IM injection.
- F. To avoid shoulder injury related to vaccine administration, make sure staff who administer vaccines recognize the anatomic landmarks for identifying the deltoid muscle and use proper IM administration technique
- G. Give polio-containing vaccine as recommended for age and vaccination status.
- H. May be given with all routinely administered vaccines.
- I. Ask client to remain seated on the premises for 15 minutes after vaccination to decrease the risk of injury should they faint.

I have read, understand, and agree to participate by the terms of this protocol.

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### 3. Vaccine schedule for IPV<sup>2</sup>

**Dose and Route – 0.5 mL, IM**

Dose	Preferred age	Minimum acceptable spacing
1	≥7 years	4 weeks
2		4 weeks
3		6 months
4		

#### 4. Licensed polio-containing vaccines

Product Name	Vaccine Components	Presentation	Acceptable Age Range	Thimerosal
IPOL <sup>®1</sup>	Polio	5-mL multi-dose vials	7 years and up	None

#### 5. Recommendations for use

Routine pediatric use – children and adolescents <18 years <sup>2</sup>		
Dose	Preferred age	Minimum acceptable spacing
1	≥7 years	4 weeks
2		4 weeks
3		6 months
4*		

\*Dose 4 not needed if dose 3 given ≥4 years of age.

Unvaccinated adults ≥18 years <sup>2</sup>
Not routinely recommended*

\*For international travel, see Polio for Travel Standing Order

#### 6. Contraindications

- A. Severe allergic reaction to a previous dose or to a vaccine component, including latex (Kinrix<sup>®</sup> and Pediarix<sup>®</sup> syringes)

Vaccine	Vaccine Excipient Summary <sup>3</sup>
IPOL <sup>®</sup>	calf bovine serum albumin, 2-phenoxyethanol, formaldehyde, neomycin, streptomycin, polymyxin B, M-199 medium

#### 7. Warnings and precautions

- A. Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever.<sup>4</sup>

- B. Although no causal relationship between IPOL<sup>®</sup> vaccine and Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) has been established, GBS has been temporally related to administration of another inactivated poliovirus vaccine.<sup>1</sup>

## 8. Other considerations

- A. IPV (IPOL<sup>®</sup>) can also be given by the subcutaneous route.<sup>1</sup>
- B. Polio vaccine given outside the United States is valid if written documentation indicates that all doses were given after 6 weeks of age and the vaccine received was IPV or trivalent OPV (tOPV). Recipients receiving both tOPV and IPV require a total of 4 doses.<sup>5</sup>
- C. OPV given before April 1, 2016, can be assumed to be trivalent and valid.<sup>5</sup>
- D. OPV doses given in April of 2016,, can only be counted as valid if the documentation indicates that it was trivalent.<sup>5</sup>
- E. OPV given after May 1, 2016 should not be counted as valid because it was a bivalent or monovalent vaccine.<sup>5</sup>
- F. Persons <18 years of age with doses of OPV that do not count should receive IPV to complete the series.<sup>5</sup>
- G. Oral polio vaccine (OPV) has been unavailable in the United States since 1999.<sup>5</sup>
- H. After an interval of 15–40 years, 25%–40% of survivors of paralytic poliomyelitis may experience muscle pain and exacerbation of existing weakness or develop new weakness or paralysis. This disease entity, referred to as post-polio syndrome, has been reported only in persons infected during the era of wild poliovirus circulation. This is not an infectious process.
- I. Revaccination with 3 doses of IPV is recommended 6–12 months after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.
- J. Epinephrine hydrochloride solution (1:1,000) and other appropriate agents and equipment must be available for immediate use in case of anaphylactic or acute hypersensitivity reaction.<sup>4</sup>
- K. Individuals with altered immunocompetence may have reduced immune responses.<sup>4</sup>
- L. It is not known whether polio-containing vaccines are excreted in human milk. Use with caution in nursing mothers.<sup>1</sup>

## 9. Side effects and adverse reactions

IPV<sup>1</sup>

Any local reaction – pain, redness, induration or swelling at the injection site	Very common, up to 75%
Redness ≥50 mm at injection site	Common, up to 18%
Severe pain, induration or swelling at the injection site	Uncommon, up to 9%
Any systemic reaction – fever, malaise, aches, persistent crying, drowsiness	Very common, up to 50%
Severe (grade 3) systemic reactions including fever above 102°	Very uncommon, up to 3%

## 10. Storage and handling

All clinics and pharmacies enrolled with the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program must immediately report any storage and handling deviations to the Oregon Immunization Program at 971-673-4VFC (4823).

Vaccine <sup>1</sup>	Temp	Storage Issues
IPOL	Store at 2°–8°C (36°–46°F)	Do not use if vaccine has been frozen. Protect from light.

## 11. Adverse events reporting

Report suspected adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) online at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. VAERS Reporting Table: <https://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/infoproviders.html>

### Event and interval from vaccination

- A. Anaphylaxis or anaphylactic shock (7 days)
- B. Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (7 days)
- C. Vasovagal syncope (7 days)
- D. Any acute complication or sequelae (including death) of the above event (interval - not applicable)
- E. Events described in manufacturer’s package insert as contraindications to additional doses of vaccine (interval - see package insert).

## 12. References

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To request this material in an alternative format (e.g., Braille) or to clarify any part of the above order, contact the Oregon Health Authority Immunization Program at 971-673-0300 and 711 for TTY. For other questions, consult with the vaccine recipient's primary health care provider or a consulting physician.

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