

# Vaccine Safety: AAP Resources for Pediatricians

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# Objectives

- Explain architecture of the AAP immunization Web site
- Show where to find resources on vaccine safety
- Highlight other partners' resources on vaccine safety

# AAP Immunization Web Site

[www.aap.org/immunization](http://www.aap.org/immunization)

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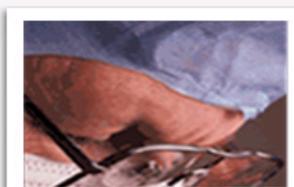


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### AAP, Immunizations & You



When it comes to child health, the information available to parents and pediatricians can be overwhelming. Fortunately, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) can help cut through the clutter. Our 60,000 member pediatricians are committed to the physical, mental and social well-being of all infants, children, teens and young adults, and all of the information you'll find here is

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# Vaccine Safety Page for Parents

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## Communicating with Families



All parents care about their children's health, and they often rely on you, their pediatrician, to help them navigate a confusing sea of child health information. Immunizations and vaccines are just one area of concern for families right now, and this Web site is here to help you help families make informed decisions.

## Resources for Vaccine Conversations

### [Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents](#)

Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) these new materials can help health care providers communicate vaccine information to parents more effectively. These pieces build on the latest research in vaccine and communication science and are designed to help you stay current on vaccine topics; strengthen communication and trust between you and parents; and share up-to-date, easy-to-use information about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases with parents. Sign up for email updates at the link above, as additional materials will be added regularly. ([Exit Site](#))

## Vaccine Information Statements

Before administering any vaccines covered by the National Vaccine Childhood Injury Act (NVCIA), federal law mandates that pediatricians give the parent/guardian [all appropriate copies of VISs](#) and make sure they understand the risks and benefits of the vaccine(s). By

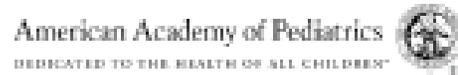
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- CDC Toolkit
- Vaccine Information Statements
- Improve Liability Protection
- Safety Facts
- Posters
- Frequently Asked Questions

# Featured AAP Fact Sheets

- Safety Overview
- Ingredients
- Schedule



## **The Childhood Immunization Schedule: Why Is It Like That?**

**Q1: Who decides what immunizations children need ?**

**A:** Each year, top disease experts and doctors who care for children work together to decide what to recommend that will best protect U.S. children from diseases. The schedule is evaluated each year based on the most recent scientific data available. Changes are announced in January, if needed. The schedule is approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

**Q2: How are the timing and spacing of the shots determined?**

**A:** Each vaccine dose is scheduled using 2 factors. First, it is scheduled for the age when the body's immune system will work the best. Second, it is balanced with the need to provide protection to infants and children at the earliest possible age.

**Q3: Why are there so many doses?**

**A:** Researchers are always studying how well vaccines work. For many vaccines three or four doses are needed to fully protect your child. The doses need to be spaced out a certain amount to work the best.

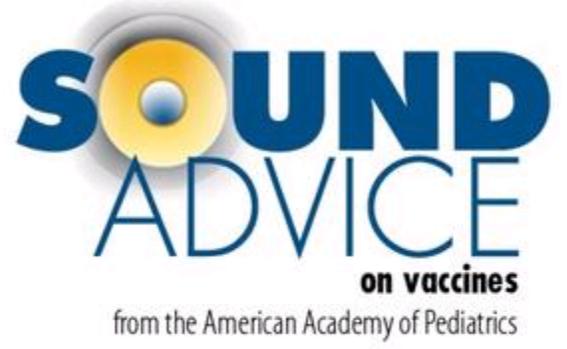
**Q4: Why is the schedule "one size fits all?" Aren't there some children who shouldn't receive some vaccines?**

<http://www.aap.org/immunization/families/faq.html>

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Immunizations play a vital role in the health of the nation's children. To answer parents' questions about their children's vaccines, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) offers a collection of interviews with pediatricians, researchers, advocates and other parents.

Click on the questions or descriptions below to hear responses to individual questions, or click on the link to listen to an entire interview.



[Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter & Mrs Betty Bumpers](#)  
Why vaccines are important for children



[Dr Richard Besser](#)  
Keeping your family healthy during outbreaks like H1N1 (swine flu)



[Dr Renee Jenkins](#)  
The adolescent vaccines: HPV, meningitis, whooping cough, and flu



[Arthur Allen](#)  
Science and the media: A journalist ponders public perception vs scientific

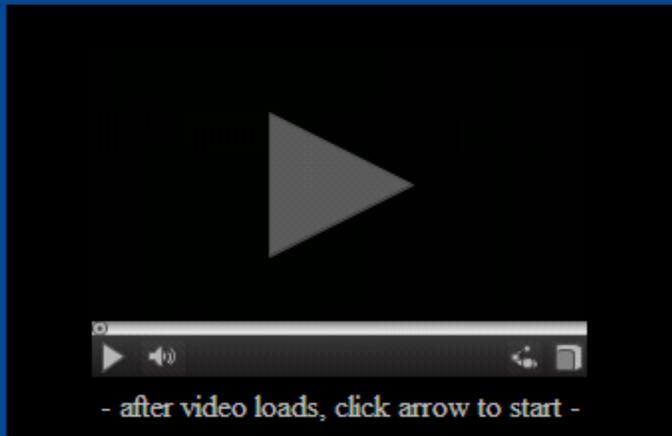
**[Click here](#) for a sample audio interview.**

[www.aap.org/protecttomorrow](http://www.aap.org/protecttomorrow)

# Protect Tomorrow™

*Protect Tomorrow* is a national education awareness campaign that reminds parents about the importance of childhood immunizations. The campaign encourages parents to talk with their pediatricians about the benefits of vaccines, the importance of the recommended immunization schedule and how to best protect their children.

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:60 Public Service Announcement

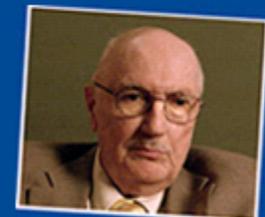


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## Behind the Scenes:



Cile watched her Aunt Sweetie die of diphtheria.



Jack survived a severe case of polio.



Ann suffered through measles

This public service announcement is a message that can have a real impact on the diseases of the not-so-distant past history does not repeat itself.

The PSA features several people who have survived through the diseases that can now be prevented by vaccines.

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[Click here](#) to watch the PSAs.

# Partner Web Sites

- [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)
- [www.vaccinateyourbaby.org](http://www.vaccinateyourbaby.org)
- <http://vaccine.chop.edu>

# Technical Assistance

- If you have questions or would like to find resources, please contact me directly at:

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# Questions?