



Maine Immunization Program Updates

Gardasil 9 Now Available

On Tuesday, May 19th, the Maine Vaccine Board voted to add Gardasil 9 to the list of vaccines that providers can order from the Maine Immunization Program. Providers will continue to have the availability to order the HPV 4 in addition to the HPV 9.

With the addition of the HPV 9, it is important for providers to monitor usage and minimize wastage of the HPV 4. With male patients it is strongly recommended to continue vaccinating with HPV-4 (as long as the formulation is available).

Key Points :

- HPV 2, HPV 4 and HPV 9 all protect against HPV 16 and 18, types that cause 66% of cervical cancers and the majority of other HPV-attributable cancers in the United States.
- HPV 9 targets five additional cancer causing types, which account for 15% of cervical cancers.
- HPV 4 and HPV 9 also protect against HPV 6 and 11, types that cause anogenital warts.

Administration:

- HPV 2, HPV 4, and HPV 9 are each administered in a three dose schedule.
 - The second dose is administered at least 1-2 months after the first dose,
 - The third dose at least 6 months after the first dose.
 - If the vaccine schedule is interrupted, the vaccination series does not need to be restarted.
- Any patient that has started the HPV series with HPV 4 can complete the series with either HPV 4 or HPV 9. Maine Immunization Program recommends using existing stock of HPV 4 to complete the series for males if your office is transitioning to HPV 9.

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<http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/>

This is a great resource when you need quick answers to your vaccine questions!

Maine Immunization Program Annual Regional Trainings

Save the date....

We have scheduled our first annual regional training for 2015! Our first training will be held in Presque Isle at the Hampton Inn on June 30 from 8:45 am - 4:00 pm.

To register, please send your name and pin number to Celeste Poulin at celeste.poulin@maine.gov

****Regional trainings in Bangor, Augusta and Portland TBD****

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