

Immunization Business Resources for Pediatricians From the AAP Childhood Immunization Support Program

Vaccine Storage and Handling Tip Sheet Series

The AAP has developed a new set of Storage and Handling Resources to help pediatricians keep their vaccine stock safe. This set includes:

- Checklist for Maintaining Proper Storage and Handling Practices:
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/pdf/S&HChecklist.pdf>
- Refrigerators, Freezers, and Vaccine Storage:
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/pdf/VaccineStorageRF.pdf>
- Data Loggers and Vaccine Monitoring:
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/pdf/DataLoggers.pdf>
- Safe Vaccine Transport:
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/pdf/SafeTransport.pdf>
- Disaster Planning :
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/pdf/DisasterPlanning.pdf>



Immunization Office Training Guide

A revised training guide is designed to assist pediatric office staff in all aspects of immunizing your practice's patients. Use this guide to educate and properly train physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, medical assistants, office managers, and other office staff. Covered topics include financing, supply, and ordering; storage and handling; communicating with parents about vaccines; vaccine administration; immunization information systems/registries; reminder/recall systems; quality improvement; the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System; and Vaccine Information Statements.



Practices can customize this guide to become an office manual with personal notes, policies, or state-specific contact information. Once completed, the entire guide can be printed with relevant pdf resources for the practice.

To view the document, visit <http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/trainingguide.html>.

Education in Quality Improvement for Pediatric Practices (EQIPP)

This online quality improvement series includes a course on immunizations. One of the units in the immunization module focuses on financing. It includes a case study of a practice looking to lower costs. While improved payments are not directly tied to higher rates, it can lead to better record keeping and office efficiencies that, in turn, lead to higher rates. EQIPP can be used by physicians for their Part IV Maintenance of Certification credit.



All resources related to vaccine financing can be found at <http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/financing.html>. The contents of that page are pasted below.

Practice Management - Financing



With increasing expenses to purchase and administer vaccines, the AAP has compiled resources to help offices understand and lower the cost of immunizing while maintaining office efficiency.

Knowing Cost

- [Financing of Childhood and Adolescent Vaccines](#) (Exit Site)
December 2009 Supplement to the journal *Pediatrics*.
- [Vaccine Survival Guide](#) (PDF 169KB)
Understanding your individual office's cost to immunize is the first step to being able to lower your costs.
- [CDC Price List](#) (Exit Site)
- [The Business Case for Pricing New Vaccines](#) (PDF 107KB)

Lowering Cost

- [Vaccine Purchasing Groups](#)
- [Vaccines for Children Program](#) (Exit Site)

Coding

- [Comprehensive Overview of Immunization Administration Codes](#)
- [Vaccine Coding Table](#) (PDF 118KB)
- [When Is it Appropriate to Report 99211 During Immunization Administration?](#)
- [Vaccine Counseling Position Paper](#) (PDF 119KB)
- [RBRVS: What is it and how does it affect pediatric practices?](#)

AAP Efforts to Improve Payment

- [AAP Task Force on Immunization White Paper on Financing](#) (PDF 943KB)
- [AAP News article: New Immunization Administration CPT Codes Take Effect Jan 1](#)
- [AAP News article: AAP Efforts to Enhance Vaccine Payments Must Comply with the Law](#)
- [2010 Immunization Congress Background and Presentations](#)
- [2007 Immunization Congress Background and Presentations](#)

The AAP also has a robust “practice support” section of the Web site that includes some immunization information. The site can be found at <http://www.aap.org/en-us/professional-resources/practice-support/Vaccine-Financing-Delivery/Pages/Vaccine-Financing-Delivery.aspx>.

Vaccine Financing & Delivery

The AAP is committed to supplying pediatricians with the right tools to help immunize patients effectively and efficiently.



Financing

- [AWP and ASP \(Log-in Required\)](#)
- [Pediatric Immunization Administration Codes](#)
- [Variation in Provider Vaccine Purchase Prices and Payer Reimbursement](#)
- [Purchasing Techniques: Controlling Purchase Costs of Supplies and Vaccines \(Log-in Required\)](#)
- [The Business Case for Pricing Vaccines \(Log-in Required\)](#)
- [The Business Case for Pricing Immunization Administration \(Log-in Required\)](#)
- [Vaccine Addendum to Payer Contracts \(Log-in Required\)](#)
- [Template Letter to Payers](#)



Delivery

- [Immunization Training Guide](#)
 - [Storage & Handling](#)
 - [Supply](#)
 - [Vaccine Barcoding](#)
 - [Parental Refusal to Vaccinate](#)
 - [Immunizations - After the Shot Telephone Calls](#)
 - [Vaccine Reminder Recall Systems: A Practical Guide for Pediatric Practices](#)
 - [The Problem with Dr Bob's Alternative Vaccine Schedule](#)
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There is also a section on coding that includes vaccine-specific information.

Vaccine Coding

Learn about the various coding resources available for managing vaccines in practice:

- [Vaccine Counseling and Preventive Care Visits](#)
- [Influenza Vaccines: Coding for the Current Season](#)
- [Vaccine Coding Table](#)
- [When Is It Appropriate to Report 99211 During Immunization Administration?](#)
- [FAQ - Pediatric Immunization Administration Codes](#)