

Resources for Pediatricians: Parental Refusal to Accept Immunizations

Websites

1. **AAP Immunization Resources** - www.aap.org/immunization

The AAP Immunization programs offer resources to help pediatricians stay up-to-date on recommendations, deliver on-time immunizations to families, conduct effective conversations with families, get paid for administering vaccines, increase vaccination rates, and access best practices and tips for various practice issues related to vaccine administration.

Some of the most visited pages include:

- The Immunization Schedule - <https://publications.aap.org/redbook/pages/Immunization-Schedules?autologincheck=redirected>
- Administering Immunizations in Your Practice - <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/implementing-immunization-administration-in-your-practice/>
(find information on coding, liability, and the declination form) and
- Communicating with Families and Promoting Vaccine Confidence - <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communicating-with-families-and-promoting-vaccine-confidence/>
(including vaccine hesitant parents)
 - Immunization Discussion Guides - <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communication-aids/>
These tools with infographics for families and detailed speaking points for providers can be printed or used digitally.
- Vaccines Across America Map - <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/Vaccine/index.html>
This interactive map allows the user to easily view immunization rates, compare state and national vaccine rates and across various demographics, view outbreaks and state exemption rules.

The AAP also has a Clinical Report on Strategies for Improving Vaccine Communication and Uptake (2024) - <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/153/3/e2023065483/196695/Strategies-for-Improving-Vaccine-Communication-and>

2. **Immunize.org**

Immunize.org works to increase immunization rates by creating and distributing educational materials for health professionals and the public that enhance the delivery of safe and effective immunization services.

The Immunize.org “Unprotected People Reports” (<https://www.immunize.org/clinical/vaccine-confidence/unprotected-people/>) are case reports, personal testimonies, and newspaper and journal articles about people who have suffered or died from vaccine-preventable diseases.

3. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vaccines & Immunizations** - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html>

Information on Vaccine Safety can be found here (including reporting possible health problems to VAERS): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/index.html>

4. **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Vaccine Education Center** (<https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>) Information for parents includes “Vaccine Safety FAQs” and “A Look at Each Vaccine.”

5. **Institute for Vaccine Safety, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health** (www.vaccinesafety.edu) Provides an independent assessment of vaccines and vaccine safety to help guide decision-makers and educate physicians, the public, and the media about key issues surrounding the safety of vaccines.

6. **Immunize Canada** (<https://immunize.ca/>)

Immunize Canada aims to meet the goal of eliminating vaccine preventable disease through education, promotion, advocacy, and media relations. It includes resources for parents, pediatricians, and other health care providers.

Immunization Resources for Parents / Caregivers

These are good resources for reliable, evidence-based information about childhood immunizations:

- **AAP Healthychildren.org** - <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/default.aspx>
Healthychildren.org is the American Academy of Pediatrics website for family and caregiver information about children's health.
 - All About the Recommended Immunization Schedules - <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx>
 - Vaccines Your Child Needs by Age 6 - <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Your-Babys-First-Vaccines.aspx>
 - Multiple Vaccinations at Once - <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Multiple-Vaccinations-at-One-Time.aspx>
 - Vaccine Safety: Examine the Evidence - <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/vaccine-studies-examine-the-evidence.aspx>
- **AAP Immunization Discussion Guides** - <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communication-aids/>
These guides include family-friendly infographics to aid conversation with parents.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Vaccines for Your Children** - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html>
This has vaccine resources for parents. Including:
 - vaccine schedules for parents <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/schedules/index.html>, Or visit the home page for immunization information from the CDC (which also includes the standard immunization schedule) <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>.
 - Find the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for each immunization recommended for children here: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm. These provide information about the infections being prevented by immunization, the potential health consequences of not immunizing and possible side effects of each immunization.
- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Vaccine Education Center** - <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>
Check out "Vaccine- and Vaccine Safety-Related Q&A Sheets" and "A Look at Each Vaccine."
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- **Immunize.org** - <https://www.immunize.org>
Has Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) in multiple languages and expert information. It also has an "Ask The Experts" page: <https://www.immunize.org/ask-experts/>. As well as a handout "Where Parents Can Go to Find Answers!" www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4012.pdf.
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- **Vaccinate Your Family, Babies & Children** - <https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/which-vaccines-does-my-family-need/babies-children/>
The site links to the latest research and studies about vaccines, an interactive timeline on the benefits of vaccines, information about vaccine safety and ingredients, and the importance of adhering to the standard schedule recommended by the AAP, CDC, and ACIP.