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## New Vaccines

**MCV4** A conjugate meningococcal vaccine, MCV4, was recently licensed for use in people age 11 to 55 years old. It protects against the same four serotypes A, C, Y, and W-135 as the polysaccharide meningococcal vaccine. MCV4 is now available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program for use in VFC eligible children. For non-VFC eligible children and adults, MCV4 should be ordered directly from the manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, at 1-800-Vaccine or at [www.vaccineshoppe.com](http://www.vaccineshoppe.com).

MCV4 will be routinely recommended for:

- Children at the pre-adolescent visit (11 – 12 years of age)
- Adolescents at high school entry (15 years of age)
- All college freshman living in dormitories

Only one dose of the vaccine is recommended in routine use.

Other populations at increased risk for meningococcal disease for which routine vaccination is recommended have not changed. Use of meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4) is recommended in persons at high risk for meningococcal disease who are age 2 – 10 years or older than 55 years. MPSV4 may continue to be used for persons age 11 – 55 years.

## Preservative-free Td

Production and sales of multi-dose vials of tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine for use in persons age 7 and older has ceased. A new preservative-free tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine is now available from Sanofi Pasteur. This vaccine is supplied in a single-dose, pre-filled syringe.

Call the Bureau of Immunization, New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, at 212-676-2259, with questions.

## Ordering VFC Vaccine

To order free (VFC) vaccine, private providers should now call 212-447-8175 or fax orders to 212-442-5194.

Public providers should continue to call 212-447-2553 or fax orders to 212-447-2558.

## Are You Exempt?

### The VFC Provider Report

Report all vaccine doses administered to children age 0 - 18 years to CIR and you may be exempt from the VFC Provider report. Call 212-447-8175 for more information.

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## Quarterly Feature: Practice of the Quarter

### Dr. Melvin Koplow

More and more pediatricians are streamlining their practices by using the Online Registry to easily store and retrieve patient immunizations and lead test histories. Dr. Melvin Koplow is taking full advantage of the Online Registry.

Dr. Koplow immunizes approximately fifty patients each week. When a parent or guardian requests a copy of a child's immunization record for school, day care or camp, the record may be located and printed without hesitation. "I can sleep at night knowing that these records are stored, protected and quickly retrievable," says Dr. Koplow. "With the Online Registry, I don't have to worry about the loss or damage of records because of floods, fire or any type of accident," he added.

Last year, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene presented Dr. Koplow with an award for achieving 100% immunization coverage for two year olds within the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series, as measured by the Bureau of Immunization's Assessment Unit.

"If a doctor puts all relevant records into the Registry, then those records are protected on a permanent off-site back-up," explains Dr. Koplow. "The back-up of critical immunization records is crucial to assure the well-being of my patients," he declared.

The CIR would like to thank Dr. Melvin Koplow and his staff for their efforts in using the Online Registry to report immunizations after each patient visit. The Online Registry enables practices like Dr.

Koplow's to report immunizations efficiently and accurately. Dr. Koplow can view the records and the recommendations of immunizations due that are generated each time he looks up and finds a patient in the Online Registry. These recommendations can help him ensure that his patients are fully immunized. The CIR would like to commend Dr. Melvin Koplow and his staff for their hard work and dedication to quality patient care.



Above: Anna Kolodynski, Medical Asst. (left), Dr. Melvin Koplow (center) and Carol Guttador, Medical Asst. (right)

## Honor Roll

The Bureau of Immunization would like to recognize practitioners who have achieved above 90% immunization coverage for two-year olds for the 4:3:1:3:3 series, and have improved their immunization coverage in CIR. Honored this quarter are:

Carenia Kuan, MD,  
New York, New York

Hector Florimon-Delarosa, MD  
& Jose Mendez, MD,  
Sunnyside, New York

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