PHILADELPHIA'S TIMELY IMMUNIZATION PLAN (TIP) USING THE 'TIP' SCHEDULE

Using the Philadelphia Immunization Program's Timely Immunization Plan (TIP) Schedule can help increase immunization coverage levels in the city of Philadelphia.

The TIP Schedule is an Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) compatible schedule that emphasizes immunizing children at the earliest recommended age for each vaccine.

The TIP Schedule, combined with other proven strategies including simultaneous administration of immunizations, standing orders, and reminder-recall programs, helps keep patients on time for their immunization visits at 2, 4, 6, and 12 months of age.

*TIP*s for keeping patients on a Timely Immunization Plan:

Keep patients on the TIP Schedule

Immunize patients at the earliest possible opportunity to prevent missed opportunities and "drop off" during the second year of life. Make sure to follow all minimum intervals and minimum age recommendations.

Give all the shots that are due

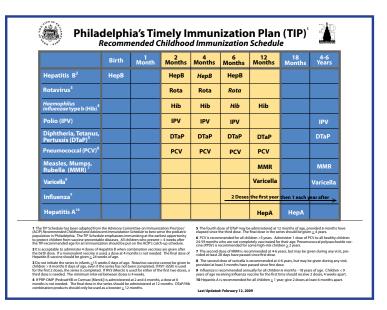
It is safe and effective to administer multiple immunizations. By giving all of the immunizations that are due, providers can ensure protection against vaccine-preventable diseases. The Immunization Program's *Simultaneous Administration of Vaccines* factsheet shows how to give eight shots in one visit.

Implement standing orders

Standing Orders enable non-physician staff to administer vaccines according to an approved protocol and have been shown to help increase immunization coverage rates. Use the Immunization Program's *Best Practice Standards* as a template for your practice's standing orders.

Use the KIDS Immunization Registry

The KIDS Registry contains immunization histories for children who have received immunizations in Philadelphia. The registry also shows recommendations for which shots are due and when. The KIDS Registry is available online at https://kids.phila.gov, or you may call the KIDS Registry for histories if you do not have internet access: 215-685-6784.



Catch up immunization-delayed patients

Children who are more than 4-weeks behind for a recommended immunization should be put on the CDC's *Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents who Start Late or are More Than 1 Month Behind*. Make sure to give all the shots that are due.

Let patients know immunizations are due

Send out reminder-recall postcards to let patients know that immunizations are due. See the Immunization Program's *Postcard Order Form* to order postcards to mail out from your office.

Stay informed

Keep your staff up to date on the latest immunization news and recommendations. Visit the KIDS Registry/Immunization homepage for immunization updates: https://kids.phila.gov

The Philadelphia Immunization Program is also happy to put together an in-service for your staff on new vaccines, immunization recommendations, the VFC Program, and the *TIP Schedule*. Please call 215-685-6872 to schedule an inservice with a Nurse Educator.

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