

Vaccine Selection for the State Childhood Vaccine Program

We're glad you are part of the Washington State Childhood Vaccine Program! Your clinic needs to choose the brand of vaccine you want on your vaccine order set when a vaccine has more than one brand (e.g., from the DTaP family, choose one – Daptacel, or Infanrix). All single-brand products (e.g., Prevnar, IPOL etc.) and combination vaccines (Pediarix, Pentacel, etc.) will be on your order set.

If you do not want to change your vaccine brands, you do not need to do anything.

When a provider first joins the Program, they choose the vaccine brands they want for their practice. Each year, in April and October, providers have the option to make changes in their vaccine brand choices.

Please take a few minutes to talk with the decision makers in your clinic about which vaccine brands you prefer. The resources listed here may help you complete the worksheet. When you've completed the worksheet, go on-line to the Washington Immunization Information System and follow the easy steps to complete the vaccine selection process on-line. When your choices are entered in the system, they are on your order set the next time it you place a vaccine order according to your EOQ schedule.

Things to think about to complete the vaccine selection process:

1. There are some differences between vaccine brands. It is important to know what those differences are when you select the products for your clinic.
2. Think about the patients you vaccinate. Are their characteristics of a brand that are the best fit for your patient needs?
3. Review the vaccine brands you use now. Do these products fit well with the patients you see? Are other brands a better fit?
4. Are there other aspects of your patient population, practice or the vaccine brands to think about when you make your selection?

For more information about the vaccine products, please see:

- CDC Recommendations on Immunizations:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html>
- FDA Vaccine Information (prescribing information / package inserts):
<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts>

- For questions about the selection process, please contact your local health jurisdiction or the State Department of Health: 866-397-0337
- Visit the Department of Health web-site at:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/PublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/PublicHealthSystemResourcesandServices/Immunization/ChildhoodVaccineProgram.aspx>