



# The Buzz



## KDHE Immunization Program Monthly Newsletter

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### Welcome New VFC Providers

Community Memorial Healthcare (2054)

Republic County Hospital (2057)

Central Kansas Medical Center (2058)

Mowery Clinic (6370)

### Welcome New KSWebIZ Providers

Woodson CHD (0104)

Allen CHD (0001)

Saline CHD (0085)

Crawford CHD (0019)

Sedgwick CHD (0087)

Chautauqua CHD (0010)

Dr. Lori Ann Golon, M.D. (6243)

A special thank-you goes to all Providers that have shared HIB!

Educational Materials can be ordered at no charge. The order form and more information can be found at [http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/em\\_orders.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/em_orders.htm)

If you have short-dated vaccine you would like to transfer, please send the information to Judy Darting:

[jdarting@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:jdarting@kdhe.state.ks.us)

## When a Parent Says No: Documenting Vaccine Refusal

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently released a memo, refusal form, and helpful tips for health care providers that gives suggestions and resources for parents that have concerns about vaccine safety. Nearly 25 percent of parents have serious misconceptions about vaccine safety that will lead many of them to refuse some or all immunizations. In addition, the memo states that nearly 79 percent of pediatricians have had instances of parents refusing vaccinations for their children. Documentation of the refusal is also very

*“Safety concerns, some appropriate and many inappropriate but widely discussed in the media and on unmonitored and biased Web sites, cause substantial and often unrealistic fears.” -American Academy of Pediatrics*

important, it can help prevent potential legal implications from vaccine refusal, as well as encourage the pediatrician to discuss the serious implications of refusing vaccine. In addition to the form, the paper also provides other helpful resources for health care professionals to present to parents who have fears and concerns about vaccinating their children. [“Documenting Parental Refusal to Have Their Children Vaccinated”](#) can be found by clicking on this link provided.

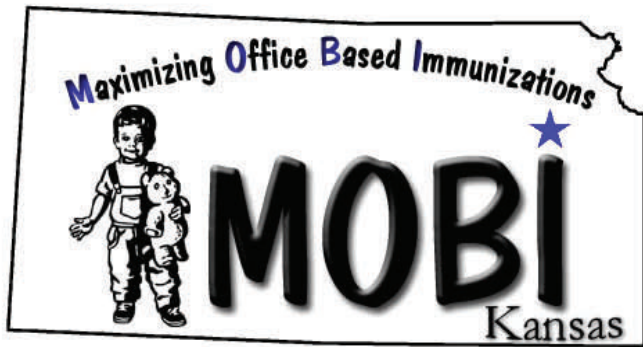
### VFC Updates:

- VAQTA through Merck is currently unavailable. The latest information available is that the pediatric formulation will be available again from Merck in the fourth quarter 2008 and the adult formulation will be available in the first quarter of 2009.
- Patients who have full coverage for vaccine when they receive service from an in-network provider are not eligible for VFC vaccine. These patients will need to be referred to their in-network provider for immunization services. Underinsured children are those who have no coverage for vaccines, or whose insurance only covers selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only), or whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount. Once this coverage amount is reached, the child may be considered underinsured. Underinsured children are only eligible to receive VFC vaccine through a Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health Clinic or Local Health Department.
- HPV can and should be given with other vaccines recommended for this age such as Tdap, Menactra and Hepatitis B. This will avoid missed opportunities.—Pink Book, page 289.
- Varicella Zoster Immune Globulin was depleted in early 2006. A VZIG product VariZIG became available under investigational new drug application (IND) submitted to the FDA. Patients must be informed of potential risks and benefits and must give informed consent before receiving the product. Additional information concerning the user of this product is available in the March 3, 2006 edition of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMRW). It is also found on page 194 or the Pink Book.

### VFC or Private?

Providers should be able to determine whether or not their vaccine shipment is VFC or private by noting the VFC pin number located just above the vaccine listing and also at the top of the form. In addition, if there is a notation at the bottom of the packing list that states: “There is no charge for this vaccine. This vaccine was purchased with public funds....etc.” then it is VFC vaccine. If that information is not listed, then the shipment is private.

**Kansas School Nurse Conference**  
**July 15-16, 2008**  
Hyatt Regency Wichita



MOBI is a statewide quality improvement program that focuses on office based practices. Trainers are physicians, nurses and other experts from Kansas that bring information to clinics that focus on educating providers on policies and practices to improve immunization rates. The goal is to increase the immunization rates to 90% or greater for two-year-old children. For more information on the MOBI Project, please review the Web site, and schedule a visit. [Click Here.](#)

**Courses offered through the CDC Website:** *These free resources are excellent tools for new employee orientations, re-fresher trainings, and continuing education within clinics. Click the title to register or view.*

**Epidemiology & Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases** is a comprehensive overview of the principles of vaccination, general recommendations, immunization strategies for providers, and specific information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccines that prevent them.

**Audience:** Immunization Providers (Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Physician's Assistants, DoD Paraprofessionals, Medical Students, etc.)

**Length:** 12 hours. Four 3-hour sessions provided on DVD or Video-on-Demand.

### **Immunization Update**

DATE CHANGE to August 28, 2008.

This live satellite broadcast and web-cast will provide up-to-date information on the rapidly changing field of immunization. Anticipated topics include influenza and zoster vaccines, recently approved vaccines, and updates on vaccine supplies and vaccine safety. The 2.5 hour broadcast will occur live from 8:00 am to 10:30 am and will be re-broadcast that day from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm (central time). Both broadcasts will feature a live question and answer session in which participants nationwide can interact with the course instructors via toll-free telephone lines. Continuing Education credits will be provided. **Inserts and sign up information regarding this broadcast will also be included in vaccine shipments for July from McKesson.**

**Immunize  
and win a Prize!**

For Win A Prize information please contact:  
[Mike Parsons](#)

## The Kansas Immunization Conference Registration and Brochure is now available!

[Click Here for Brochure](#)

[Click here for On-line Registration](#)

## Kansas Immunization Program Annual Conference

September 2-4, 2008 • Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS



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