

# Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines (MCV4)

## Age Indications for MCV4 Vaccines

Menactra® (sanofi pasteur): for aged 9 months through 55 years MENVEO® (Novartis): for aged 2 through 55 years

### Indications for Use and Schedule

- · Routinely administer:
  - One dose at aged 11-12 years; booster dose at age 16 years
- · Adolescent catch-up schedule:
  - If 1st dose given at aged 13 through 15 years, give a booster dose at aged 16 through 18 years
  - If 1st dose given at age 16 years or older, a booster dose is not recommended
- · Recommended for persons aged 9 months through 55 years at high risk for disease (see below)
- · Minimum interval
  - 8 weeks between 2 doses for all ages

## Vaccine Administration

- · Intramuscular (IM) injection in the deltoid of the arm
  - 1-1.5 inch, 22-25 gauge needle
- · Use professional judgment in selecting needle length
- Give simultaneously with all vaccines <u>except</u>:
   For children aged 2 years & older with asplenia, if using Menactra® give PCV¹ series 1st & Menactra² 4 weeks later

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## Storage and Handling

- · Store in the refrigerator between 35°-46° F (2°-8° C); Do NOT freeze
- · Keep in the original box
- · Menactra is ready to use; shake well
- Menveo must be reconstituted
  - Draw up MenCYW liquid (diluent)
  - Add to Men A vial: invert: shake well

## PERSONS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL OR OTHER RISK CONDITIONS

- Children aged 9-23 months:
  - Persistent complement component deficiency: 2-dose primary series (0, 3 mo) & 1st booster dose in 3 years, then every 5 years
  - Travel or current outbreak: 2-dose primary series (0, 3 mo; may use 0, 2 mo for travel); if continued risk, 1st booster dose 3 years later
- Persons aged 2-55 years with persistent terminal complement deficiency or asplenia (functional or anatomic):
  - Aged 2-6 years: 2-dose primary series (0, 2 mo) & 1st booster dose in 3 years then a booster dose every 5 years thereafter
  - Aged 7-55 years: 2-dose primary series (0, 2 mo) & a booster dose every 5 years thereafter
- Persons aged 2-55 years who are at increased risk due to prolonged exposure (e.g., travel to/living in endemic areas, current outbreak, microbiologists exposed to *N. meningitidis*) or when required (e.g., military recruits, travel to Mecca during annual Hajj):
  - Give 1 dose; if the person remains at increased risk, a booster dose is recommended (based on age):
    - 3 years later for children vaccinated at aged 2 through 6 years
    - 5 years later for persons vaccinated at age 7 years or older
- Persons aged 2-55 years with HIV & an indication for vaccination should receive a 2-dose primary series (0, 2 mo)
  - Need and interval for booster dose determined by risk factor
  - HIV without another risk factor present, is not a medical indication for meningococcal vaccination
- Ensure students age 21 years or younger who are entering college/living in dorm have received a dose of MCV4 in the last 5 years
  - Consider 1 dose of MCV4 for students age 21 years or younger who are <u>currently attending</u> college, with no dose in the last 5 years
  - MCV4 is not routinely recommended for healthy persons age 22 years or older

#### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

An anaphylactic (severe allergic) reaction to a prior dose or a component of MCV4 vaccine

## **PRECAUTIONS**

Moderate to severe acute illness

#### **FURTHER POINTS**

- Persons indicated for a 2-dose primary series who previously received only a 1<sup>st</sup> dose of MCV4, should get a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of MCV4 as soon as feasible; forecast the booster dose (if applicable) from the date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> primary series dose
- MPSV4 (Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine), while approved for persons age 2 years & older, should only be used for persons age 56 years & older or when a contraindication to MCV4 (but not MPSV4) exists
- Persons who inadvertently receive MPSV4 should be revaccinated with MCV4 using a minimum interval of 8 weeks
- Both MCV4 vaccines contain serotypes A, C, Y, and W-135. Serotype B is not in either vaccine.
- Meningococcal Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), can be found at <a href="http://www.immunize.org/vis/">http://www.immunize.org/vis/</a>
- Use the lot number on the outside box of MENVEO to document in GRITS and on the VAR
- <sup>1</sup> PCV is Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine; ensure at least one supplemental dose of PCV13 (Prevnar13®) is given to children with asplenia
- <sup>2</sup> MCV4/MENVEO may be given to children age 2 years and older with PCV or at any interval before/after PCV

Resources: Updated Recommendations for Use of MCV4, ACIP 2010, MMWR 01/28/11 and other Meningococcal Vaccine Updates, including the Use of MCV4 for children aged 9-23 months are located at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs</a>.