

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE 4TH DOSE OF PREVNAR[®]

ATTENTION PROVIDERS:

Since February 2004, CDC has recommended that 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7), marketed as Prevnar[®] and manufactured by Wyeth Vaccines (Collegeville, Pennsylvania), be administered to healthy children on an abbreviated schedule to conserve the limited supply.

Production capacity has been increased, and supply is now sufficient to meet the national demand for vaccine on the routine, 4-dose schedule. Effective immediately, CDC, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, recommends that providers resume administration of PCV7 according to the routine schedule.

For access the full article from the Centers of Disease Control:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5336a8.htm>

Now's the time to CATCH UP those patients whose 4th dose of Prevnar[®] was deferred!

Please begin calling parents to schedule an appointment for the deferred 4th dose of Prevnar[®] TODAY!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CATCH UP:

- When the child is coming in for their flu shot
- When older siblings are in for back-to-school checkups
- Any well child visit