
Memo

To: Dialysis Facilities

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Re: Vaccinations Kit

In an effort to improve the vaccination rate for Hepatitis B, HealthInsight ESRD Network 18 and the Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) have created a Hepatitis B educational postcard and vaccination tracking card. Enclosed you will find the **Hepatitis B Series 1 Schedule** and the **Vaccination Tracking Card**.

Patients often state feeling as if a vaccination is “sprung” on them and have identified this as a deterrent to consent. To resolve this, the patients have asked for advanced notice of vaccination as well as education on why they should get the vaccine. These tools will help you address those barriers inside your clinic.

Instructions:

- Fill out the postcard with all required information and dates specific to each patient.
- Provide each indicated patient with a copy of the “Hepatitis B Series 1 Schedule” post card at least 1 week before the series will be started.
 - Inform your patient what date they will be starting the series and ask them to read the post card.
 - Return before treatment ends and ask the patient if they have any questions. Review the dates on the postcard to ensure their understanding.
 - This resource will allow the patients to have all dates for the series available to them in advance. Encourage your patient to post this postcard some place visible at home, like their refrigerator.
- Provide your patient with the smaller vaccination tracking card. Tell patients to use this resource to monitor **all** vaccinations and to keep this in their wallet so they can easily refer to it at any doctor’s appointment, emergency room visit, or hospitalization. Help your patients fill it out.

It is essential to have a conversation with your patients when you hand them out. Use this as an opportunity to engage with your patients and to empower them to make informed choices about their healthcare. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jewel Peterman at JPeterman@nw18.esrd.net.

Hepatitis B Series Two Tracker and Flu Vaccine Postcard *coming soon!*

