

Reliable Immunization Resources for Parents

Web sites:

1. AAP's Childhood Immunization Support Program (CISP)
Information for providers and parents
www.cispimmunize.org
2. Why Should I Immunize My Child?
A description of the individual disease and the benefits expected from vaccination.
www.cispimmunize.org/fam/why.html
3. The Immunization Education Program (IEP) of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Includes answers to common vaccine questions and topics, such as addressing vaccine safety concerns; evaluating anti-vaccine claims; sources of accurate immunization information on the Web; and talking with parents about vaccine safety.
www.paaap.org/immunize/
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Immunization Program
Information about vaccine safety, including Parents' Guide to Childhood Immunizations
www.cdc.gov/nip/home-hcp.htm
5. National Network of Immunization Information (NNii)
Includes the NNii Resource Kit – Communicating with Patients about Immunizations.
A guide to help answer patients' questions and provide the facts about immunizations.
www.immunizationinfo.org
6. Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Information for parents includes Common Concerns About Vaccines, Are Vaccines Safe, and A Look at Each Vaccine
www.vaccine.chop.edu
7. Institute for Vaccine Safety, Johns Hopkins University
Provides an independent assessment of vaccines and vaccine safety to help guide decision makers and educate physicians, the public and the media about key issues surrounding the safety of vaccines.
www.vaccinesafety.edu
8. The Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness and Promotion (CCIAP)
CCIAP aims to meet the goal of eliminating vaccine-preventable disease through education, promotion, advocacy and media relations. It includes resources for parents and providers, including "How to advise parents unsure about immunization" by Scott A. Halperin, MD
<http://www.immunize.cpha.ca/english/index-e.htm>

Books:

1. Offit PA, Bell LM. *Vaccines: What Every Parent Should Know*. New York, NY: IDG Books; 1999
2. Humiston SG, Good C. *Vaccinating Your Child: Questions and Answers for the Concerned Parent*. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers; 2000
3. Fisher MC. *Immunizations and Infectious Diseases: An Informed Parent's Guide*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 2005