



## 2011 Hot Topics at a Glance

### **Measles Alert**

The U.S. is experiencing a high number of reported measles cases in 2011, many of which are linked to international travel. The imported cases involved **unvaccinated** US residents and visitors to the US. Ensure that all patients are up to date on MMR vaccine, that is, 2 doses at least 1 month apart.

### **New Meningococcal meningitis (MCV4) recommendation**

MCV4 is now recommended as a two dose immunization. Adolescents should receive a primary dose at age 11-12 with an additional dose at age 16-18.

Children ages 9 through 23 months at increased risk for meningococcal disease should receive a 2 dose series of MCV4, 3 months apart.

FDA has approved Menactra™ (MCV4) vaccine for children 9 through 23 months of age.

### **New recommendations for Tdap vaccine for adults**

Adults over age 65 can now get Tdap. Health care personnel should also receive a dose of Tdap as soon as is feasible. **Tdap can be given at any time since the last Td booster.** In June, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend that pregnant women who have never received the Tdap vaccine should be immunized preferably during the third trimester or late in the second trimester (after 20 weeks gestation). Alternatively, Tdap can be administered immediately postpartum. Family members of the newborn should also be vaccinated with Tdap.

FDA has approved Boostrix™ (GlaxoSmithKline) vaccine for persons 65 years of age and older.

### **New minimum age for Zostavax™ shingles vaccine**

The shingles vaccine is now licensed for adults age 50 years and older.

### **Universal Influenza Vaccination**

Reminder: Everyone age 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccination.

### **New indication for Pneumococcal Vaccine – PPSV 23**

Pneumovax™ is indicated for adults age 65 and older and for adults with high risk conditions. It is now also recommended for adults age 19-64 who smoke cigarettes or have been diagnosed with asthma.

More information about these topics can be found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) and [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)