

**Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices**

**VACCINE ACRONYMS**

**Vaccines Included in the  
Immunization Schedules for Children, Adolescents, and Adults**

Following is a table of standardized vaccine acronyms, which was developed jointly by staff of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ACIP Work Groups, the editor of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, the editor of *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* (the “Pink Book”), ACIP members, and liaison organizations to the ACIP.

These acronyms are intended to provide a uniform approach to vaccine references used in ACIP Recommendations that are published in the *MMWR*, the *Pink Book*, the American Academy of Pediatrics *Red Book*; and in the United States, immunization schedules for children, adolescents, and adults.

Vaccine	Acronym*	Trade Name
<b>Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis-containing vaccines</b>		
	<b>P=Pediatric</b>	<b>A=Adult</b>
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids adsorbed (P)	DT	several mfrs <sup>†</sup>
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine adsorbed (P)	DTaP	Daptacel, Infanrix
• Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids adsorbed (A)	Td	Tenivac, Decavac generic
• Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine, adsorbed (A)	Tdap	Adacel, Boostrix
• Tetanus toxoid (P,A)	TT	generic
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, hepatitis B and inactivated poliovirus vaccine (P)	DTaP-HepB-IPV	Pediarix
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine (P)	DTaP-IPV	Kinrix
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, inactivated poliovirus and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine (P)	DTaP-IPV/Hib	Pentacel
<b><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b-containing vaccines<sup>§</sup></b>		
• <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine	Hib	PedvaxHIB Hiberix ActHIB
• <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate and hepatitis B vaccine	Hib-HepB	Comvax

\* In descriptions of combination vaccines, dash ( - ) indicates: products in which the active components are supplied in their final (combined) form by the manufacturer; slash ( / ) indicates: products in which active components must be mixed by the user.

<sup>†</sup> several manufacturers; for complete listing, see <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/us-vaccines.pdf> and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/terms/USVaccines.html>

<sup>§</sup> For additional Hib vaccine acronyms, see [Haemophilus influenzae type b Vaccines](#)

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Acronym*</b>	<b>Trade Name</b>
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, inactivated poliovirus and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine	DTaP-IPV/Hib	Pentacel
• Bivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine	Hib-MenCY	MenHibrix
<b>Hepatitis-containing vaccines</b>		
• Hepatitis A vaccine	HepA	Havrix Vaqta
• Hepatitis B vaccine	HepB	Engerix-B Recombivax HB
• Hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines	HepA-HepB	Twinrix
• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, hepatitis B and inactivated poliovirus vaccine	DTaP-HepB-IPV	Pediarix
• <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate and hepatitis B vaccine	Hib-HepB	Comvax
<b>Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine</b>	HZV	Zostavax
<b>Human papillomavirus vaccines</b>		
• Human papillomavirus vaccine (quadrivalent)	HPV4	Gardasil
• Human papillomavirus vaccine (bivalent)	HPV2	Cervarix
<b>Influenza vaccines</b>		
• Inactivated influenza vaccine	IIV	several mfrs
• Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine	IIV3	several mfrs
• Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine	IIV4	several mfrs
• Trivalent recombinant influenza vaccine	RIV3	FluBlok
• Trivalent cell culture based inactivated influenza vaccine	ccIIV3	Flucelvax
• Live attenuated influenza vaccine	LAIV4	FluMist Quadrivalent
<b>Measles, mumps and rubella-containing vaccines</b>		
• Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine	MMR	M-M-R II
• Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine	MMRV	ProQuad
<b>Meningococcal-containing vaccines<sup>†</sup></b>		
• Meningococcal conjugate vaccines		
• Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine	MenACWY or MCV4	Menactra Menveo

<sup>†</sup> For additional meningococcal vaccine acronyms, see [Meningococcal Vaccines](#)

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Acronym*</b>	<b>Trade Name</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine</li> </ul>	Hib-MenCY	MenHibrix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (quadrivalent)</li> </ul>	MPSV4	Menomune
<b>Pneumococcal vaccines</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (7-valent)</li> </ul>	PCV7	Prennar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (13-valent)</li> </ul>	PCV13	Prennar 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (23-valent)</li> </ul>	PPSV23	Pneumovax 23
<b>Poliovirus-containing vaccines</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inactivated poliovirus vaccine</li> </ul>	IPV	Ipol
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine</li> </ul>	DTaP-IPV	Kinrix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed, hepatitis B and inactivated poliovirus vaccine</li> </ul>	DTaP-HepB-IPV	Pediarix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis adsorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate vaccine</li> </ul>	DTaP-IPV/Hib	Pentacel
<b>Rotavirus vaccines</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotavirus vaccine (monovalent)</li> </ul>	RV1	Rotarix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotavirus vaccine (pentavalent)</li> </ul>	RV5	RotaTeq
<b>Varicella-containing vaccines</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varicella vaccine</li> </ul>	VAR	Varivax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine</li> </ul>	MMRV	ProQuad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine</li> </ul>	HZV	Zostavax

### ***Haemophilus influenzae* type b Vaccines**

Three monovalent *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) conjugate vaccines are available in the U.S.:

- **ActHIB<sup>®</sup>** (Sanofi Pasteur)
- **PedvaxHIB<sup>®</sup>** (Merck)
- **Hiberix<sup>®</sup>** (GlaxoSmithKline)

Alternative acronyms for these products are explained in this table:

Acronym	Product Name	Additional Information
PRP-T	<b>ActHIB</b> or <b>Hiberix</b>	May be used to designate ActHIB or Hiberix in scientific publications, or on schedules when the brand name is not used. Indicates the Hib polysaccharide PRP (polyribosyl-ribitol-phosphate) and includes the extension "T" to indicate the protein carrier (tetanus toxoid). (PRP-T is the Hib component in the combination vaccines Pentacel <sup>®</sup> and MenHibrix <sup>®</sup> .)
PRP-OMP	<b>PedvaxHIB</b>	May be used to designate PedvaxHIB in scientific publications or on schedules when the brand name is not used. Indicates the Hib polysaccharide PRP (polyribosyl-ribitol-phosphate) and includes the extension "OMP" to indicate the protein carrier (meningococcal group B outer membrane protein). (PRP-OMP is the Hib component in the combination vaccine Comvax <sup>®</sup> .)

### Meningococcal Vaccines

Four licensed products containing meningococcal antigen are available in the U.S.:

- **Menomune**<sup>®</sup> (Sanofi Pasteur): a quadrivalent (serogroups A, C, W & Y), polysaccharide vaccine,
- **Menactra**<sup>®</sup> (Sanofi Pasteur) and **Menveo**<sup>®</sup> (Novartis): quadrivalent (serogroups A, C, W & Y) conjugate vaccines, and
- **MenHibrix**<sup>®</sup> (GlaxoSmithKline): a *Haemophilus influenzae* type b/bivalent (serogroups C & Y) meningococcal conjugate combination vaccine.

Alternative acronyms for these products are explained in this table:

Vaccine Type	Acronym	Product Name	Additional Information
Meningococcal (Quadrivalent) Conjugate	MenACWY or MCV4	<b>Menactra</b> or <b>Menveo</b>	These two acronyms may be used for either or both quadrivalent conjugate vaccines, on vaccination records, schedules, or other documents when it is unnecessary to distinguish between the two products. MenACWY should be used when it is desirable to identify the 4 vaccine serogroups.
	MenACWY-D	<b>Menactra</b>	May be used to designate Menactra in scientific publications, or when it is necessary to distinguish between the two quadrivalent vaccines. Includes the extension "D" to indicate the protein carrier (diphtheria toxoid).
	MenACWY-CRM or MenACWY-CRM <sub>197</sub>	<b>Menveo</b>	May be used to designate Menveo in scientific publications, or when it is necessary to distinguish between the two quadrivalent vaccines. Includes the extension "CRM" or "CRM <sub>197</sub> " to indicate the protein carrier (a non-toxic mutant of diphtheria toxin).
Hib-Meningococcal (Bivalent) Combination	Hib-MenCY	<b>MenHibrix</b>	The standard acronym for MenHibrix, used in most situations.
	Hib-MenCY-TT	<b>MenHibrix</b>	This alternative acronym identifies the protein carrier (tetanus toxoid).
Meningococcal (Quadrivalent) Polysaccharide	MPSV4 or MPSV	<b>Menomune</b>	Either acronym identifies the quadrivalent polysaccharide vaccine.