



Objectives: Immunizations

1. Do not delay immunizations unnecessarily (e.g. vaccinate a child even if he or she has a runny nose).
2. With parents who are hesitant to vaccinate their child, explore the reasons, and counsel them about the risks of deciding against routine immunizations of their children.
3. Identify patients who will specifically benefit from immunization (e.g. immunosuppressed patients, travellers, sickle cell patients, those at high risk for pneumonia) and ensure that it is offered.
4. Clearly document immunizations given to your patients.
5. In patients presenting with infectious disease, assess immunization status, as the differential diagnosis and consequent treatment in unvaccinated patients is different
6. In patients presenting with a suspected infectious disease, do not assume that a history of vaccination has provided protection against disease (e.g. pertussis, rubella, diseases acquired while travelling).

** Mapped to the CFPC's 105 priority topics: #51-Immunization