

**New Jersey Immunization Network  
Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2017**

**Attendees**

**Teleconference:**

Jill Castner	Dina Goldberg
Maureen Kelsey	Joe Tarallo
Monica Adduci	Sandra Tarallo
Lori Ann Gibson	Maria Colasante
Fran Gallagher	Shu-Chen Chiang
Polly Thomas	Tricia Kellser
Diane Carroll	Erica Lobe
Harriet Lazarus	Jen Smith
Peter Wenger	Linda Locke
Allan Weller	Elise Berry
Meg Fisher	Alexia Clarke
Lauren Agoratus	Jeni Sudhakaran
Dorothy Miller	+6 others
Nancy Rosenthal	

**Welcome and Introductions**

Program Director, Diane Carroll, opened the meeting.

**Presentation**

- *Report from the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), February 22-23, 2017*
  - Presenter: Jill Castner  
Deputy Director, Medical Science Liaison  
Sanofi Pasteur

Hepatitis B

- Committee voted on new recommendations on revaccination for unprotected infants born to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-positive mothers. Per ACIP,
  - “HBsAg-negative infants with anti-HBs <10 mIU/mL should be re-vaccinated with a single dose of HepB vaccine and receive post vaccination serologic testing 1-2 months later.
  - “Infants whose anti-HBs remains <10 mIU/mL following single dose revaccination should receive two additional doses of HepB vaccine, followed by PVST 1-2 months after the final dose.
- “Based on clinical circumstances or family preference, HBsAg-negative infants with anti-HBs<10 mIU/mL may instead be revaccinated with a second, complete 3-dose series, followed by post vaccination serologic testing (PVST) performed 1-2 months after the final dose of vaccine.” ([ACIP Resolution, HepB Vaccination](#))

## Herpes Zoster

- GSK subunit vaccine being introduced to market, 90% efficacy in adults  $\geq 60$  years
- More site reactions (adverse events) than Merck vaccine currently recommended by ACIP
  - Merck vaccine has 50% efficacy rate in adults  $\geq 60$  years
- Will be recommended for routine vaccination in people  $\geq 50$  years

## Adult Vaccination

- Rising adult immunization rates
- Best practices
  - Assess vaccination status at every encounter
    - Study found significant perception gap between patients and providers
      - Patient perception of assessment as infrequent; provider perception as robust
      - What is causing the difference?
- Registries
  - Registries present difficulties for adult patients
  - Particular issues with using information across state lines and with transparency
- NJIN Adult Immunization Working Group has good handle on adult immunization discussion, based on ACIP meeting
  - Questions or concerns raised by ACIP similar to AIWG assessment of adult immunization in state of NJ

## Mumps

- Disease reduced by 99%, but still experiencing outbreaks in the US
  - Particular to specific population (college-attending young people)
    - Why in this population and not others in age range who share similarly close quarters, e.g. military?
  - ACIP considering 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine for this population and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose for general population

## Influenza

- Moderate flu season
- 29 pediatric deaths to date
- Strains for next years' vaccines announced
- Companies discussed vaccine effectiveness and adverse events

## NJDOH Announcements

Nancy Rosenthal: 8,000 new doses of flu vaccine requested and disseminated

- If storm-related temperature excursion occurred, follow procedures or contact Vaccines For Children for instruction
- If storage unit fell out of recommended temperature range, do not use until viability can be tested/determined

Erica Lobe: New flyer for pregnant women developed; link sent in last NJIN newsletter

- *Protect Me With 3+* adolescent contest
  - Visit the Vote page on March 20th to view the finalists' entries and once every day for each category.
  - Voting will take place between March 20th and April 2nd - See more at: <http://protectmewith3.com/#sthash.JkIJpxAC.dpuf>

## NJIN Announcements

NJIN added link to *Protect Me With 3+* contest to Facebook page

- Visit and like the page at [www.facebook.com/immunizenj](http://www.facebook.com/immunizenj)
- Link will be sent in newsletter

Strategic Retreat upcoming

- Send ideas, thoughts
- Date TBD

Meeting adjourned

**Next Teleconference: April 19, 2017**

**Next In-Person Meeting: May 17, 2017**