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| Family physicians know vaccines are the best way to help protect teens against serious infectious diseases.1 But the fact remains that millions of teens remain under-protected.2,3 The Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule now features a specific 16-year-old immunization visit.4 This modification highlights the importance of scheduling 16-year-old adolescent patients for necessary vaccinations.  **Here are recent statistics on at least four CDC-recommended vaccines for adolescents:** | | | |
| **Meningococcal vaccine\*** | * While 82% of children received the first dose (MenACWY) at the recommended ages of 11-12 years in 2015, only 39% received the second dose by age 172 | **Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine** | * Only 50% of girls and 38% of boys completed the HPV vaccination series2 * Every year, over 27,000 women and men are affected by a cancer caused by HPV— that's a new case every 20 minutes7 | |
| **Tdap vaccine** | * The majority of teens (88%) received the Tdap booster in 2015, but there is still room for improvement2,5 * In recent years, there have been10,000-40,000 reported cases of pertussis6 | **Flu vaccine** | * During the 2016-2017 flu season,less than half of teens were vaccinated against the flu8 | |
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| In addition to these national statistics, did you know that in [insert state], [insert state data on vaccination mandates/statistics, if available]. [Note: This text can be deleted if state data not available; the following resources can help you identify your state’s information:   * MenACWY, HPV and Tdap: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6633a2.htm?s_cid=mm6633a2_w> OR  https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/teenvaxview/data-reports/index.html * Flu: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluvaxview/interactive-general-population.htm> * State-by-State Immunization Registry Map: http://www.aafp.org/patient-care/public-health/immunizations/registry/imms-map.html]   **We need your help to improve these statistics! Resources are available to educate your teen patients and their parents/guardians through *Highlight on VACCINATIONS 4 TEENS*, available at www.aafpfoundation.org/vaccinations4teens.**  **Thank you for your support of this important initiative.** | | | |

\*MenACWY = Quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine that helps protect against invasive disease caused by serogroups A, C, W, and Y; the CDC also recommends MenB (serogroup B meningococcal vaccine) for certain adolescents at increased risk, e.g., students on college campuses that have recently experienced meningococcal B outbreaks9

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