WEBSITES

Allied Vaccine Group
http://vaccine.org
The Allied Vaccine Group is comprised of websites dedicated to presenting valid scientific information about vaccines. This site provides links to 7 highly regarded immunization organizations, including several of those listed below.

Immunization Action Coalition
www.immunize.org
The Coalition is a non-profit organization which promotes appropriate immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases. The website offers a wealth of information including many educational pieces for parents/patients.

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
www.cdc.gov/vaccines
www.cdc.gov/spanish/inmunizacion (Spanish)
The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) is a part of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. NIP provides leadership for the planning, coordination, and conduct of immunization activities nationwide.

CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis
www.cdc.gov/hepatitis
www.cdc.gov/spanish/enfermedades/hepatitis (Spanish)
CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis provides comprehensive information on viral hepatitis on its website.

Every Child By Two
www.ecbt.org
Through this organization, Rosalynn Carter (former First Lady of the United States) and Betty Bumpers (former First Lady of Arkansas/wife of Arkansas Senator Dale Bumpers) work toward the goal of reducing infant mortality through timely immunization.

PATH's Vaccine Resource Library
www.path.org/vaccineresources
The Vaccine Resource Library offers a wide variety of high-quality, scientifically accurate documents and links on vaccine-preventable diseases and topics in immunization.

Vaccinate Your Baby
www.vaccinateyourbaby.org
This website site was launched by ECBT in August of 2008, and features news and information for parents who wish to learn the truth about immunization and how best to protect their children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO)
www.hhs.gov/nvpo
NVPO is federal program which provides pertinent information about childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations. Their site offers publications and reports on vaccine-preventable diseases, vaccine safety, vaccine coverage, immunization laws, and immunization registries.

National Network for Immunization Information (NNii)
www.immunizationinfo.org
NNii provides current, science-based information to health care professionals, the media, policy makers, and the public. All information provided by NNii is extensively reviewed to ensure that it is scientifically accurate and up-to-date.
The goal of the Vaccine Education Center is to accurately communicate the facts about each childhood vaccine as well as how vaccines are made, how and why vaccines work, who recommends them, whether they are safe, whether they are still necessary, and when they should be given.

VEC's Parents PACK program includes a special newsletter for parents, a "Frequently Asked Questions" section, and contact information for submitting a question.

AAP Immunization Information
www.aap.org/immunization
An immunization website for parents and health professionals supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

WHO
WHO Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals
www.who.int/immunization/en
WHO's vaccine safety websites meeting essential and important good information practices criteria
www.who.int/immunization_safety/safety_quality/approved_vaccine_safety_websites/en/
Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety
www.who.int/vaccine_safety/en

Voices For Vaccines
www.voicesforvaccines.org
Voices For Vaccines is an advocacy organization for vaccines with a mission to provide clear, accessible, and science-based information about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases.

PHONE NUMBERS

CDC-INFO Contact Center: 800-232-4636 (800-CDC-INFO)
Call this 24 hours/7 days a week, toll-free number to request information on immunization. The number is 800-232-4636 (800-CDC-INFO). This is an integrated CDC hotline service. Callers to this number are given several options, one of which is immunization. This line will accommodate English and Spanish.

BOOKS & BOOKLETS

Vaccinating Your Child: Questions and Answers for the Concerned Parent
By Sharon Humiston, MD, MP, and Cynthia Good
Peachtree Publishers, 2000

Vaccines: What Every Parent Should Know
By Paul Offit, MD, and Louis Bell, MD
IDG Books, 1999

Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization (94-page booklet)
From CDC's National Immunization Program
www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/parents-guide/default.htm

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PUBLICATIONS FOR PARENTS

Autism's False Prophets: Bad Science, Risky Medicine, and the Search for a Cure
By Paul A. Offit, MD (Columbia University Press, 2008: 328 pages)
In this book, Paul A. Offit, a national expert on vaccines, recounts the history of autism research and the exploitation of this tragic condition by advocates and zealots. To order, visit your local bookstore or order online. Contact Columbia University Press at (800) 944-8648 or by fax at (800) 944-1844.

Baby 411: Clear Answers and Smart Advice for Your Baby's First Year
Popular baby book for parents, by Ari Brown, MD and Denise Fields (Windsor Peak Press, 3rd edition, 2007), includes an excellent section on immunization topics. Dr. Ari Brown is an official spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics. A trusted source for child health and development, Dr. Brown has made appearances on the Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN, ABC News, Dr. Phil, and the Rachael Ray Show. Order online from the publisher.

Do Vaccines Cause That?! A Guide for Evaluating Vaccine Safety Concerns
A must-read book for parents, health professionals, journalists and educators concerned about the safety of vaccines. The authors, Martin Myers, MD and Diego Pineda, MS, are, respectively, the editor and the science writer for the National Network for Immunization Information (NNii). They have co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed articles on immunization issues. This guide will help you sort through all the misinformation that makes it hard to decide what's best for your child's health. All sections were reviewed by experts for accuracy and by a group of nontechnically trained readers (mothers) for clarity.

Factcines: Facts on Vaccines. Just the Data. You Decide
By Susan Shoshana Weisberg, MD, FCP, FAAP (BookSurge Publishing, 2008: 294 pages)
The medical literature on vaccines and vaccine targeted diseases translated into understandable English. Sources are documented, with over 1900 references cited. Includes 200 pages of easily readable text, and 82 pages of listed references. All net proceeds from book sales donated to non-profit charities.

Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization
A 68-page booklet from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, introducing parents to 14 childhood diseases and the 10 vaccines that can protect children from them. Order a free booklet or print your own copy.

Parents PACK Newsletter
The Vaccine Education Center's new monthly vaccine email newsletter is just for parents and it's one of the benefits of their new Parents PACK Program. Each issue will offer: timely vaccine information you can use, announcements, feature articles, and vaccine questions and answers.

PKIDs' Pediatric Hepatitis Report
Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases (PKIDs) 530-page report helps parents understand hepatitis A-E from transmission to treatment to civil rights protection. You can download the pdf for free This web page also offers access to a Spanish, Russian, and simplified Chinese version. For more information about any of PKIDS activities, call toll-free (877) 557-5437 [(877) 55-PKIDS]] or (360) 695-0293 during regular business hours Pacific Time.

The Saturday Shot; A Nellie Park Adventure
By Morgan Thomas (Tate Publishing, 2009: 24 pages) Join author Morgan Thomas on her creative journey with Nellie Park, a girl who is facing her biggest fear—the needle. The Saturday Shot is the perfect remedy for kids of all ages dealing with a vaccination appointment.
Six Common Misconceptions about Vaccination - and How to Respond to Them
This booklet from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) features six misconceptions that often appear in publications that question the value of vaccination, along with explanations of why they are misconceptions.

Vaccinating Your Child: Questions and Answers for the Concerned Parent
By S.G. Humiston, MD, MPH, and Cynthia Good (Peachtree Publishers, 2nd edition) Not available online. This book addresses the medical, ethical, and legal issues related to immunization to help parents make informed decisions about individual vaccines. $14.95 (paperback). To purchase, visit your local bookstore, or order online or call the sales department at Peachtree Publishers at (800) 241-0113.

Vaccine-Preventable Disease: The Forgotten Story
By Rachel M. Cunningham, MPH; Julie A. Boom, MD; and Carol J. Baker, MD
Written by experts from the Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research (CVAR) in response to increased media attention on vaccines, this book profiles families devastated by vaccine-preventable disease. The book seeks to educate families about the importance of protecting children through vaccines and to dispel the myth that vaccine-preventable diseases are merely relics of the past. To purchase ($3.00), order online.

Vaccines and Your Baby
This 40-page booklet, by P.A. Offit, M.D., is filled with colorful photographs and illustrations to accompany the video by the same name. Order the booklet and the video for your clinic, hospital, or practice. For more information, call (215) 590-9990.

Vaccines: What You Should Know, 3rd Edition
By P.A. Offit, MD, and L.M. Bell, MD (Wiley, 3rd edition, 2003) A book health professionals can recommend to parents who want to know detailed information about the vaccines given to their children. Cost is $14.95 (paperback). To purchase, visit your local bookstore or order online.

Your Child's Best Shot: A Parent's Guide to Vaccination

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