Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)*

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The percentage of adolescents 13 years of age who had one dose of meningococcal vaccine, one tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, and have completed the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine series by their 13th birthday. The measure calculates a rate for each vaccine and two combination rates.

Required Exclusions:

- Members in hospice or using hospice services anytime during the measurement year

Medical Record Documentation

For immunization evidence obtained from the medical record, count members where there is evidence that the antigen was rendered from one of the following:

- A note indicating the name of the specific antigen and the date of immunization
- A certificate of immunization prepared by an authorized health care provider or agency including the specific dates and types of immunizations administered

Tips

For documented history of anaphylaxis, there must be a note indicating the date of the event, which must have occurred by the member’s 13th birthday.

For the two-dose HPV vaccination series, there must be at least 146 days between the first and second dose of the HPV vaccine.

For meningococcal, do not count meningococcal recombinant (serogroup B) (MenB) vaccines. Immunizations documented under a generic header of “meningococcal” and generic documentation that “meningococcal vaccine,” “meningococcal conjugate vaccine” or “meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine” were administered meet criteria. Immunizations documented using a generic header of “Tdap/Td” can be counted as evidence of Tdap. The burden on organizations to substantiate the Tdap antigen is excessive compared to a risk associated with data integrity.

Note

- To align with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, only the quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine (serogroups A, C, W and Y) is included in the measure.
- To align with ACIP recommendations, the minimum interval for the two-dose HPV vaccination schedule is 150 days (5 months), with a 4-day grace period (146 days)