Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

INFECTION PREVENTION WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION

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Who We Are:

PIDS is the world's largest professional organization of experts in the care and prevention of infectious diseases in children. Membership = 1200

Mission Focus Areas/Activities:

- Research
- Advocacy
- Guideline Development
- Fellowship Training
- Continuing Medical Education
- Special Focus on Immunizations for Children
- Society Journal: Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (JPIDS)





Role of the Pediatric ID Specialist in Infection Prevention

- Expertise in specific areas of infection prevention practices unique to neonates and children
 - NICU
 - Playrooms
 - Schools
 - Pediatric Office Settings
- Vaccination of children is a superb infection prevention exercise with its own needs and challenges
- Research in infection prevention in children: adult studies may not effectively translate to this population





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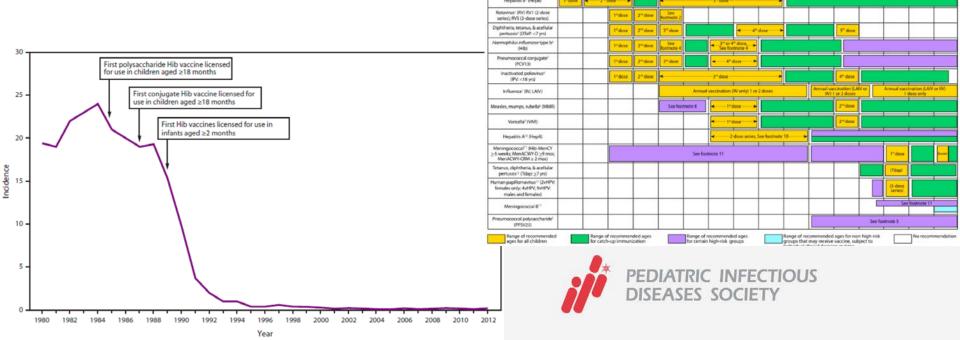
Vaccination of Children is an Outstanding Preventive Measure for Infection Prevention

- Outstanding efficacy, safety record
- Bulk of vaccines provided in childhood; number of vaccinations required is challenging
- Challenges of vaccine-preventable illnesses, antivaccine mythology

11-12 yrs

13-15 yrs

7-10 yrs



Adult Studies Do Not Always Translate to Pediatric Populations

- Guidelines derived from adult studies may not apply in pediatric settings
- PIDS seeks to increase Infection Prevention research in pediatric populations, and develop pediatricspecific guidelines in collaboration with partner societies



Workforce Issues for Pediatric ID Specialists and Pediatric Healthcare Epidemiologists

- Pediatric ID Recruitment faces challenges
 - Low salaries relative to other specialties with equal years of training
 - Largely hospital-based; few pediatric ID private practices
 - Multiple unfilled slots, programs nationally
- Antibiotic stewardship in Children's Hospitals has been growing
- Need for Ped ID expertise, hospital epidemiology, infection prevention in healthcare settings more important as resistant organisms become more prominent





PIDS VISION: INFECTION PREVENTION- Workforce, Education

- Increase recognition of Pediatric ID specialists nationally as leaders in Infection Prevention in pediatric hospital and ambulatory setting
- Develop specific "tracks" beginning in Pediatric ID Fellowship for Infection Prevention careers
- Promote/advocate for Ped ID specialist participation in efforts championed nationally for infection prevention (PACCARB)
- Promote/advocate for research studies in Infection Prevention practices that address the pediatric hospital and ambulatory environment
- Publish pediatric studies, develop pediatric-specific, evidencebased guidelines
- Coordinate efforts with our sister societies (IDSA, AAP, SHEA, APIC, others) and with federal (NIH, CDC) initiatives





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