# Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and the Newborn Infant: The Importance of Maternal Vaccination Both Before and During Pregnancy

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### **Learning Objectives**

- Upon completion, you will be able to
  - Identify all the vaccines a woman should have before she becomes pregnant
  - Describe how to catch-up a woman on her vaccines before she becomes pregnant
  - Explain what prenatal screening a woman needs with each pregnancy with respect to vaccine-preventable diseases
  - Vaccinate a pregnant woman during her pregnancy on purpose
  - Plan post-pregnancy vaccines if needed

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### **Disclosures**

- Potential conflicts
  - Safety Review Committee
    - Gardasil or 4-valent human papillomavirus vaccine in males (Merck)
    - Gardasil®9 or 9-valent human papillomavirus vaccine (Merck)
  - Data and Safety Monitoring Board
    - Adult and infant 15-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Merck)
- No off-label use discussion

### **Pre-Pregnancy Vaccine Needs**

- Average age in US of first pregnancy is 26.4 years
- Five adult, non-pregnant vaccine needs
  - Influenza, one dose annually
  - Usually Tdap once, Td every 10 years
  - 1 to 2 doses MMR depending
  - 2 doses VAR
  - HPV 2-3 doses depending

### Influenza



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### Influenza as a Disease

- Very contagious: cough, sneeze, breathing
- Fever, cough, shaking chills, body aches, extreme weakness
- Several circulating strains each season
- Season begins as early as October
- Season ends as late as May
- Most outbreaks begin with school-children

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### Influenza as a Menace

- Hospitalizations in the US
  - 114,018-633,001 hospitalizations a year
  - 18,476-96,667 intensive care unit admissions
  - 30%-46% of hospitalizations in those <65 yrs old
- Deaths in the US
  - 4,866-27,810 deaths per year
  - 101 children in 2016-2017
  - 15-29% of deaths occur in those <65 yrs old

### Influenza and Healthy Adults?

- Twin Cities study of healthy working adults
- RCT of influenza vaccine versus saline placebo
- Examined differences over 4 month period
- 35% fewer upper respiratory illnesses
- 52% fewer sick-leave days due to URIs
- 24% fewer visits to physicians for URIs

### Flu Vax Recommendations

- ACIP recommends
  - Everyone get the flu vaccine each year
  - 6 months and older
  - Start providing vaccine before end of October
  - Continue catch-up thru season up to exp. date
  - Honor the rare, real contraindication
    - Serious allergy to flu vaccine/its components except eggs

### Td/Tdap/DTaP for Diphtheria

- School age illness, cause of death
- 5-10% death rate
- Occurs worldwide, rare in US
- 1920s
  - 100,000 to 200,000 cases a year
  - 13,000 to 15,000 deaths a year
- In US now 5 cases since 2000

### Td/Tdap/DTaP for Tetanus

- Use of vaccine in US starting in 1930s and 1940s
- Across world 34,000 cases neonatal tetanus/year
- 96% drop from late 80s due to tetanus vaccine
- US has 40 to 50 cases a year, 13% fatal
- Missing childhood series or long lapse boosters
- Last case obstetric tetanus 2016 in Kentucky
  - Amish home birth
  - Community assistant
  - Mother hospitalized, intubated, d/c'ed after 1 month

### Td/Tdap/DTaP for Pertussis



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### **Pertussis**

- Cause of 100-day-cough in adolescents, adults
- Killer of babies
- Pre-vaccination in 1940s in US
  - Greater than 200,000 infantile cases a year
  - 8000 infants died each year
- Post-vaccination
  - Dramatic reduction in infant pertussis
  - More gentle acellular pertussis vaccine wanes
  - Still have significant childhood and adult disease

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### **Current Pertussis Epidemiology**

- Numbers driven by
  - Recognition of pertussis in adolescents and adults
    - No whoop
    - · Persistent cough
    - Ability to test with PCR
  - Acellular pertussis
    - Overcomes resistance to reactivity with whole cell
    - Delivers less immunogenic protection with more waning

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### **Current Situation with Pertussis**

- Most recent peak 2010 27,000 cases in US
- Large proportions
  - 7 to 10 years of age thought result of acellular form
  - 13 to 14 years of age
- Tdap introduced 2005 routine 11-12 years old
- Field testing shows waning 1-2 years post dosing

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### **Current Pre-Pregnancy Recs**

- Routine
  - DTaP 2, 4, 6, 12-15 mo, and 4-6 years of age
  - TdaP 11-12 years old
  - Td every 10 years after
- Catch-up
  - If non-pregnant adult with no or unclear history
  - Tdap now
  - Td in 4 weeks
  - Td in 6-12 months

### Measles



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### Measles

- A highly contagious viral illness
- Spread by droplets through the air
- Fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis, and rash
- Complications occur 30% of the time
  - Diarrhea (8%)
  - Ear infections (7%)
  - Pneumonia (6%)
  - Acute encephalitis (1/1000)
  - Death (2-3/1000)
- Pre vaccine: ½ million cases, 1000 deaths a year

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### **Measles During Pregnancy**

- Premature labor
- Miscarriage
- Low-birth weight

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# The 2017 Measles Outbreak in Minnesota

- On April 10, 2017, first case reported
  - Hospitalized child aged 25 months old
  - Evaluated for fever, rash, onset 2 days before
  - No hx of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine
  - No travel history or known exposure to measles
- By end of May, 2017
  - 79 total cases in 4 counties
    - 74 in children (ages 0-17 years), 5 in adults
  - Median age 23 months
  - 31% were hospitalized

# Measles Vaccination Status Among 79 Cases

- 71 confirmed to be unvaccinated
- 3 had 1 dose of measles-mumps-rubella or MMR vaccine
- 3 had 2 doses of MMR
- 2 are unknown/pending

# Race/Ethnicity among the Measles Cases

- 64 Somali Minnesotans
- 11 White/Non-Hispanic
- 3 White/Hispanic
- 1 Black/Non-Hispanic

### Measles in US Linked to International Travel

- From 1997 to 2016, 56 cases in MN
- Of these 50 linked to international travel
- Still prevalent in Europe, Asia, and Africa
- For 2017 **source** not yet identified

### Measles and Somali Minnesotans

- 2011 outbreak among Somali Minnesotans
  - 21 cases of which 8 were Somali
  - Index case 30-month-old who visited Kenya
- Before 2008, MMR coverage 90%
- Decline then with concerns over autism
- In 2011 rate had fallen from 90% to **54%**
- Belief autism higher in Somali Minnesotans
- Belief that MMR caused this increase
- Wakefield met with community repeatedly

### Mumps

- Pre-vaccine 200,000 reported cases a year
- Complications awful but deaths rare, 10 a year
- Continued outbreaks still with ~1000 cases a yr
  - College campuses
  - Pro hockey teams
- Occurrences
  - Complications still occur
  - Complications include those who had 2 MMRs

### Complications

- In 301 cases of mumps at U of Iowa
  - 20 (7%) had complications
    - 15 (5%) orchitis
    - 3 (1%) transient hearing loss
    - 2 mastitis
    - 1 meningitis
  - All 20 had documentation 2 doses MMR

### The Mumps Vaccine of MMR

- Unlike the measles vaccine of MMR
  - **Less** immunogenic
    - Median effectiveness
      - For 1 dose 78%
      - For 2 doses 88%
  - Measurable waning

### Management of Outbreaks

- Role for 3<sup>rd</sup> MMR in targeted populations
  - − 2 dose coverage >90%
  - Intense exposure
  - Sustained transmission > 2 weeks
  - High attack rates >5 cases per 1000
- Some evidence 3d dose is immunogenic
- In outbreaks
  - Rates declined after third dose intervention
  - Statistically significant only in one outbreak
  - Rates drop even when 3<sup>rd</sup> dose not used

### Rubella

- Mild fever and rash
- German measles
- 50% have no symptoms
- Often undiagnosed
- Prevaccination epidemic in 1964-1965
  - 12.5 million infections
  - 20,000 babies developed congenital rubella sx

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### Rubella

- A highly contagious viral illness
- Spread by droplets through the air
- Children get a rash starting on the face
- Most who get it do not get ill or only mildly ill
- Complications
  - Arthritis, usually temporary (70% adult women)
  - Encephalitis (1/6000)
  - Low platelets and hemorrhage (rare)
- Major concern is non-immune pregnant woman
  - Miscarriages
  - Serious birth defects (congenital rubella syndrome or CRS)

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### Congenital Rubella Syndrome



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### Congenital Rubella Syndrome

- Infections in the first trimester
  - Fetal death
  - Premature delivery
  - Serious birth defects (85%)
    - Deafness
    - Eye defects including cataracts
    - Congenital heart disease
    - · Cognitive impairment
    - Autism (15% of CRS)

### Vaccine-Era CRS Epidemiology

- Routine vaccination in US led to elimination 2004
- Rubella eliminated but not eradicated
- Congenital rubella syndrome in US
  - From 2004 to 2012 6 cases
  - Five cases mothers infected while in Asia or Africa

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### MMR Vaccine Recommendations

- Routine
  - 1st dose MMR at 12 to 15 months of life
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose MMR 4 to 6 years of life
- Catch-up
  - Two doses 28 days apart thru 18 years of life
  - Recs a little different for adults 18 years and older

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### MMR Recs for Adults

- Everyone needs measles immunity
- Vaccines, lab serology, or birth before 1957
- Non-immune adults born 1957 or later
  - 1 dose MMR routinely
  - 2 doses 28 days apart if student, healthcare, international travel
- Contraindications
  - Severe immunodeficiency
  - Pregnancy

### Varicella (Chicken Pox)



### Varicella

- Spread person-to-person through air
- Extremely contagious
- Wasn't reportable, ~ entire birth cohort
- Rash, fever, coughing, fussiness, headache, anorexia
- 5-10% had serious complications
  - Serious skin infections
  - Pneumonia
  - Brain damage
  - 100-200 deaths a year

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### Varicella Vaccination

- Routine
  - 1st dose MMR at 12 to 15 months of life
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose MMR 4 to 6 years of life
- Catch-up
  - Two doses 3 months apart thru 12 years of life
  - Two doses 4 weeks apart if 13 through 18 years old

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### Congenital Varicella Syndrome

- Infections in the first 20 weeks of gestation
  - Low birth weight
  - Hypoplasia of an arm or leg
  - Skin scarring
  - Localized atrophy of muscles
  - Encephalitis
  - Cortical atrophy
  - Chorioretinitis
  - Microcephaly

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### Adult Rules for Varicella

- If no evidence of immunity
  - 2 doses 4-8 weeks apart
- Evidence of immunity?
  - 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart
  - Healthcare provider diagnosed or verified cases of
    - Varicella
    - Zoster
  - Lab evidence of immunity or disease
  - US born before 1980 (except if pregnant, healthcare)

### Contraindications to Varicella

- Live vaccine just like MMR
  - Severe immunodeficiency
  - Pregnancy

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### The Cancers HPV Causes

- 30,700 new cancers a year in the US caused by HPV
  - 19,200 among women
  - 11,600 among **men**
  - 10,700 cervical
  - $-\,11,000$  oropharynx

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### "As Common as the Flu"

- Human papillomavirus or **HPV** infections
- Spread by direct contact
- 14 million new genital infections a year in US
- Cf. influenza causing 9 to 60 million infections
- 7 million new infections high-risk HPV type
- Most persist 1 to 2 years
- Silent, contagious, undiagnosed
- Some persist for years, progress to cancer

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### Cervical Ca Treatable?

- **300,000** invasive tests and treatment a year
  - Costly and anxiety-provoking
  - Long-lasting effects
    - Infertility
    - Second trimester pregnancy loss
    - Premature rupture of membranes
    - Preterm delivery

### **HPV Vaccine Efficacy**

- Large clinical trials
  - Per protocol cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN)
  - 4vHPV
    - 2 double-blind, placebo-controlled trials
    - Types 16 and 18
    - Among HPV naïve, 97-100% for CIN2 or more severe
  - 9vHPV
    - Single international trial with 4vHPV as control
    - Types 31, 33, 45, 52, 58
    - Among HPV naïve, 97% for CIN2 or more severe

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### Specifics of Current Recs

- Routinely recommended **11-12** years of age
- Permission to start at 9-10 years of age
- Catch-up for initiation with 1st dose
  - Through 26 years of age for females
  - Through 21 years of age for males
  - For males 22 through 26 years
    - If desiring immunity (option)
    - If at increased risk (recommended)

### Uptake of HPV Surprising Poor

- Introduced 2006 a year after Tdap and MCV4
- More **effective** than either
- Just as safe or safer
- Diseases prevented far more common
- Among 13 to 17 year olds
  - Tdap at 88.0%
  - First dose MCV4 82.2%
  - Second dose MCV4 39.1% among 16-17 yr olds
  - HPV UTD 37.5 male and 49.5% female

### **High Risk Males**

- HIV
- Immune compromise
- Males who have sex with males

### Pre-December 2016 Dosing

- Three doses
  - 0, 1-2 months, 6 months
  - Minimum intervals
    - 4 weeks between 1st and 2nd doses
    - 12 weeks between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses
    - 24 weeks between 1st and 3rd doses

### New as of December 2016

- Two doses
  - 0 and 6-12 months
  - Immunocompetent males and females
  - First dose <15 years of age
  - Minimum interval 5 months
  - May start as early as 9 or 10 years of age

### Why the Change?

- 2 doses 6-12 mo apart
  - Just as or more immunogenic
  - 9-14 yrs seroconvert >97.9%
  - Higher antibodies than 3 doses in 16-26 yrs
- Duration of protection
  - − 10 years out from trials no waning w/ 3 doses
  - 2 doses expected to be the same
- Health impact, cost-effectiveness
  - More likely to complete schedule
  - 2 doses will be cost saving

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### Notes on Two-Dose Rec

- Past vaccine doses count
  - E.g., 18-year-old who got a 4vHPV age 12
  - She only needs only 1 dose HPV now
  - Can finish with 9vHPV now and be done
- Some patients are already done!
  - 16-year-old got a 4vHPV at 11 & a 9vHPV at 15
  - He's done!
- Have to be immune competent, start <15 yr
- NB: 2v for females and 4v or 9v for all count

### Also New

- No more 2vHPV or 4vHPV in US
  - 2vHPV Cervarix (was only licensed for females)
  - 4vHPV Gardasil
- Only HPV now available 9vHPV Gardasil 9
- Can complete any schedule of valid doses

### Prenatal Screening is Key

- Screen for rubella immunity by serology
  - If non-immune, baby at risk for CRS
  - Vaccines are live viral but asap post delivery, vaccinate!
- Also screen for hepatitis B with each pregnancy...

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### Hepatitis B



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### Hepatitis B

- Contagious
  - Mother-to-baby in utero, blood, environmental
- Serious but stealthy
  - Can lead to serious illness, hospitalization, death
  - Can lie dormant or undetected for decades
  - Can leave person contagious for a lifetime
  - Can be transmitted sexually, blood
  - Can cause liver failure or cancer later in life
  - 15% spread non-household environmental

### Prenatal Screening for HepB

- Screen for hepatitis B chronic infection
  - If positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
  - Give HBIG to infant first 12 hours of life
  - Start Hepatitis B vaccine series in 1st 12 hours of life
  - Finish series with 2 to 3 more doses over next 6 months
  - Test for hepatitis B status if mother HBsAg positive
    - Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and antibody to HBsAg (anti-HBs)
    - 9-12 months of life (previously 9 to 18 months of life)
    - 1-2 months after series if dosing delayed

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### Congenital Hepatitis B

- 90% of infants infected become chronically infected
- 25% of chronically infected die prematurely
  - Liver cancer
    - 1000-1500 persons die each year in US
  - Cirrhosis
    - 3000-4000 persons die each year in US

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### More on Screening for HepB

- If HBsAg unknown at birth
  - Start Hepatitis B vaccine series in 1st 12 hours of life
  - If less than 2000 grams, give HBIG in 12 hours too
  - Determine maternal HBsAg status
  - If positive and >2000 grams, give HBIG asap, 1st 7 days
- If HBsAg negative at birth
  - Start Hepatitis B vaccine series in 1st 24 hours of life
  - Finish series with 2 to 3 more doses over next 6 months

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### More Prenatal Screening

- Screen mothers for all vaccines due
  - Use medical records, state registry (WIR, MIIC, IRIS)
  - Do NOT accept oral reports except flu vaccine
  - Access the ACIP adult schedule at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult</a>
     .html
  - Use catch-up schedule for vaccines due that can be given in pregnancy
  - Start other vaccines upon baby's delivery

### Vaccine Needs During Pregnancy

- Five adult, non-pregnant vaccine needs
  - Influenza, one dose annually
  - Usually Tdap once, Td every 10 years
  - 1 to 2 doses MMR depending
  - 2 doses VAR
  - HPV 2-3 doses depending
- Two on-purpose during-pregnancy vaccine
  - Influenza, 1 dose annually, for the mother and baby...
  - Tdap, no matter previous history, for the baby...

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### Influenza in Pregnancy

- Risk of hospitalization 4 times higher
- Risk of complications in pregnancy similar to other high-risk conditions like asthma, diabetes, etc

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### Influenza in First 2 Years of Life

- Hospitalization rate ~>65 years old
- Complications
  - Secondary bacterial pneumonia
  - More rarely primary viral pneumonia with a high fatality rate
  - Myocarditis

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### Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

- Spread through the air
- Triggers such severe coughing fits that babies cannot breath
- Half of babies with whooping cough are hospitalized
- In babies, pertussis can cause
  - Seizures
  - Brain damage
  - Apnea
  - Cardio-respiratory collapse
  - Death
- Babies need 3 doses DTaP over 6 months to get immune

### **Current Tdap Recs to Protect Babies**

- Vaccinate all pregnant women at 27-35 weeks
- Aim to give as close to 27 weeks as possible
- Allows for developed booster response
- Provides antibodies to protect baby for 6 months
- Takes 6 months (3 doses DTaP) to protect baby

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# Timing of Vaccines To Give on Purpose in Pregnancy

- Inactivated influenza vaccine
  - -IIV
  - Not live attenuated influenza vaccine (nasal spray)
  - As soon as available
  - Any trimester
- Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis
  - Tdap
  - Timed between 27 and 36 weeks
- Neither affects plans to breastfeed

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### Vaccines to Catch Up in Pregnancy

- If no primary series of diphtheria-tetanuspertussis, 3 doses with two Tds and 1 Tdap\*
- If high-risk and not previously vaccinated
  - 4-valent Meningococcal conjugate
  - Hepatitis A
  - Hepatitis B
  - Some vaccines for travel
- None affect plans to breastfeed

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# Vaccines to Receive ASAP After Delivery

- Measles-mumps-rubella
- Varicella
- Human papillomavirus vaccine series
- None affect plans to breastfeed

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### Summary

- Pre-pregnancy IIV, Tdap/Td, MMR, Var, and HPV
- Screen for rubella, hepatitis B, adult vaccines
- During pregnancy IIV and Tdap on purpose
- During pregnancy give any non-live vaccines due
- Post-pregnancy give any live vaccines due