

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Following is a list of Web sites that contain information about meningococcal disease and immunization.

Medical and Public Health Organizations

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

Address: <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/clinical-care-research/20070822meningococcal.html>

Includes: Summary of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation for routine meningococcal conjugate immunization.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Address: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/mengpolicyfinal.pdf>

Includes: AAP policy statement on meningococcal disease prevention.

American College Health Association (ACHA)

Address: http://www.acha.org/projects_programs/meningitis/index.cfm

Includes: Provides educational materials and advice for protecting college students against meningococcal disease within the "Meningitis on Campus" section.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Address: <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial/faqs.htm>

Includes: General and technical meningococcal disease information, immunization recommendations and previously-published *MMWR* articles.

Address: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5407a1.htm>

Includes: *MMWR* ACIP recommendations for prevention and control of meningococcal disease.

Address: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-mening.pdf>

Includes: CDC's Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) on meningococcal vaccine.

Address: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/preteens-adol/info-parents.htm#mening> and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/preteens-adol/info-parents-sp.htm>

Includes: Information in English and Spanish-language about recommended vaccines for pre-teens, including meningococcal disease.

National Association of School Nurses (NASN)

Address: <http://www.nasn.org/>

Includes: Link to NASN's "Get S.M.A.R.T. About Meningitis" Web page provides school nurses with strategies and tools necessary to help educate members of the school community about meningococcal disease and benefits of immunization.

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

Address: <http://www.nfid.org/meningitis/>

Includes: General meningococcal disease and immunization information, resources for members of the media (e.g., disease animation, physician sound bites) and clinicians.

National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO)

Address: <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/>

Includes: Provides pertinent information about childhood and adolescent immunization.

Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM)

Address: http://www.adolescenthealth.org/PositionPaper_Immunization.pdf

Includes: Link to SAM position paper regarding benefits of meningococcal immunization among the adolescent age group.

World Health Organization (WHO)

Address: <http://www.who.int/topics/meningitis/en/>

Includes: Provides links to descriptions of activities, reports, news and events, as well as contacts and cooperating partners in the various WHO programs and offices related to meningococcal disease.

Parent Resources**Meningitis Angels**

Address: <http://www.meningitis-angels.org/>

Includes: Offers educational resources, news, latest recommendations and requirements related to meningococcal disease.

Meningitis Foundation of America (MFA)

Address: <http://www.musa.org/>

Includes: Information regarding meningococcal disease and prevention methods.

National Meningitis Association (NMA)

Address: <http://www.nmaus.org>

Includes: General information about meningococcal disease and vaccination, and resources for parents, healthcare providers and media.

Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases (PKIDs)

Address: <http://www.pkids.org>

Includes: Information about meningococcal disease, transmission, the methods of prevention and the latest advances in medicine.

General Medical and Immunization Resources**Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)**

Address: <http://www.immunize.org/mening/index.htm>

Includes: Links to meningococcal disease journal articles, CDC's immunization recommendations, case histories, and resources for parents/providers.

National Library of Medicine (NLM)

Address: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/medlineplus.html>

Includes: Access to extensive information about medicine and vaccines, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, interactive patient tutorials and relevant, up-to-date health news.

National Network for Immunization Information (NNII)

Address: http://www.immunizationinfo.org/vaccineInfo/vaccine_detail.cf?v?id=15

Includes: Provides information about meningococcal disease, vaccines and immunization recommendations.

Sanofi Pasteur

Address: <http://www.fightmeningitis.com/>

Includes: Information about meningococcal disease, prevention methods for adolescents and young adults.