Need Help Responding to Vaccine-Hesitant Parents?

Science-based materials are available from these respected organizations

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

- AAP's website to help parents and caregivers who have vaccination questions (see www.healthychildren.org/english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx)
- When parents cannot be convinced, consider using AAP's "Refusal to Vaccinate" form at https://downloads.aap.org/aap/pdf/rti_form.pdf. Translations are available at www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/implementing-immunization-administration-in-your-practice/refusal-to-vaccinate/
- "Talking with Vaccine Hesitant Parents" (see www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communicating-with-families-and-promoting-vaccine-confidence/talking-with-vaccine-hesitant-parents/)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC has many online immunization resources. Here are a few favorites

- "Childhood Vaccine Information for Healthcare Providers" at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/childhood-vaccination-toolkit.html
- "Talking to Parents About Vaccines" at www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/index.html
- "Questions Parents May Ask about Vaccines" at www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/questions-parents-may-ask.html

Immunize.org

Immunize.org's "Vaccine Confidence & Addressing Concerns" web section provides healthcare professionals with top vaccination resources from trusted sources such as CDC, AAP, Immunize.org, VEC, and many more. Visit www.immunize.org/clinical/vaccine-confidence/

Refer parents to Immunize.org's website for the public at www.vaccineinformation.org.

Immunize.org offers several patient handouts for vaccine-hesitant parents. These include:

- "Clear Answers and Smart Advice About Your Baby's Shots," an excerpt from the popular book "Baby 411" by Dr. Ari Brown (see www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf)
- "Record of Vaccine Declination" (see www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4059.pdf). Also available in Spanish at www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4059-spa.pdf
- "Reliable Sources of Immunization Information: Where Parents Can Go to Find Answers!" at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4012.pdf
- "Vaccines Work!" at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4037.pdf

The Science of Vaccine Safety in the U.S., Johns Hopkins University

"The Science of Vaccine Safety in the U.S." provides information about how clinical trials, government agencies, and data systems ensure vaccines meet high safety standards (see https://publichealth.jhu.edu/2025/how-the-us-ensures-vaccine-safety).

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Vaccinate Your Family

Vaccinate Your Family (see www.vaccinateyourfamily.org) answers commonly asked questions about vaccines. This website is family-friendly and has many resources in Spanish.

Vaccine Education Center (VEC) Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

VEC (see www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center) offers a wide array of science-based resources.

See a useful list of VEC resources at www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/resources

VEC's "Vaccine Safety" web page covers many timely topics (see www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-safety) and includes downloadable materials on important safety issues, such as "Are Vaccines Safe?" "Vaccine Ingredients," "Dosing Safety," "Immune System and Health," and more.

Find videos at www.chop.edu/vaccine-update-healthcare-professionals/vaccine-resources/videos

For parents with concerns about vaccines and autism

Here are some useful resources.

- AAP https://publications.aap.org/patiented/article-abstract/doi/10.1542/peo_document599/82016/vaccines-autism-toolkit
- Autism Science Foundation "Autism and Vaccines" at https://autismsciencefoundation.org/autism-and-vaccines/ and "Autism and Vaccines: Read the Science" at https://autismsciencefoundation.org/autism-and-vaccines-read-the-science
- Autism Society "COVID-19: Vaccine Education Initiative" at https://autismsociety.org/resources/covid-19-support
- CDC: "Questions Parents May Ask about Vaccines" at www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/questions-parents-may-ask.html
- Immunize.org's "MMR Vaccine Does Not Cause Autism: Examine the Evidence!" at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4026.pdf
- VEC: "Vaccines and Autism: What you should know" https://media.chop.edu/data/files/pdfs/vaccine-education-center-autism.pdf

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