

The Ob/Gyn Practitioner and Adolescent Vaccination

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Adolescents commonly attend Ob/Gyn practices

- Generalist
 - Pap, Contraception, STD, wellness visits
- Adolescent Gynecology
 - Routine and developmental issues
- Reproductive Endocrinology
 - Menstrual and endocrine dysfunction
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
 - Teen pregnancy
- Gynecologic Oncology
 - Lower genital tract dysplasia/cancer

Ob/Gyn's and Vaccination

- Survey of ACOG fellows in Michigan
- 70% males
- 47% primary care identification
- 15% stated vaccination outside of practice realm
 - However, only 10% screened for all vaccine needs (at least one- 81% in Ob/60% in Gyn)
- Knowledge, office logistics were primary reasons for dichotomy between attitudes and practice

Gonik et al Obstet Gynecol 98:81-4, 2000

Pushing the Ob/Gyn envelope

- Primary care “mantle” more apparent
- Younger fellows/more females
- HPV/Tdap vaccines hit the scene
- Industry more focused on adult vaccinators (including Ob/Gyn)

New ACOG initiatives

- Working with CDC and AAP toward consensus vaccine recommendations
- Specific working group on adult and adolescent vaccination/committee assignments
- Primary and Preventive Care: Periodic Assessment document includes specific adolescent recommendations (including vaccines)
- Adolescent Consultation visit

Adolescent Consultation Visit

- Billable office visit
- Provides counseling for menstrual function, lifestyle, contraception, STD, and vaccine needs
- Typical age 13-15 yrs
- May be delegated to mid-level provider
- Resource material plentiful

Barriers

- Adolescents lack resources, access and empowerment
- Most Ob/Gyn's not currently active vaccinators, VFC providers, and have limited experience with vaccine registries
- "Minor" status adds complexity; emancipation definitions vary; more limited with pregnancy and STD management