

Meningococcal vaccine update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the following statement indicating the discontinued use of the meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine.

According to the CDC, “Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Menomune®) is no longer available in the United States. People 56 years or older who are recommended the meningococcal vaccination because they are at increased risk for meningococcal disease should receive a meningococcal conjugate vaccine.”*

With this change, the CDC recommends the use of the meningococcal conjugate vaccines for all children ages 11-12 years old.

Vaccine	Code
Meningococcal conjugate	90734
Meningococcal polysaccharide — Discontinued	90733 — Retired/no longer valid

* CDC website: *Meningococcal: Who Needs to Be Vaccinated?* (July 2017):
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mening/hcp/who-vaccinate-hcp.html>.