



Whale's Tales

May 2011

Welcome to Whale's Tales! Whale's Tales is a periodic electronic newsletter for MOBI Trainers. WT reports the pertinent information about statewide MOBI training activities, trainer experiences, challenges and immunization information that will impact the MOBI trainer and course participant.

Thank you to the many MOBI trainers for scheduling and/or presenting more than 180 programs since the start of 2011. What an impressive start!

Letter from Dr. V:

2011 has already been a great year for MOBI and we just got done with training. The renewal of our grant was a great first step for the year. The program came together very well this year and the training sessions, as always, were fun, informative and continue to leave me with appreciation for all your dedication. Karen informed me that you have already scheduled more than 180 programs for 2011. The new trainer session in April had about 30 new trainers in attendance and went very well. The Pink Books have arrived (finally). As I said, MOBI 2011 seems to be going well.

Clarification regarding the implementation of the Tdap and MCV4 recommendations in regard to VFC stock - The recommendations contained in the MOBI program and during the training always represents, to the best of our ability, the current national recommendations from the ACIP, CDC and other immunization resource providers. As such there may be local or practice specific factors that influence the implementation of the

guidelines and recommendations. Such practice level considerations may include cost and reimbursement of a vaccine, availability and practice commitment. In regard to implementation of guidelines applicable to VFC purchased vaccine, ODH routinely releases guidelines for implementation that are circulated to VFC providers.

Click on the links below for the most recent guidelines for Tdap and MCV4. These will be available as well on the MOBI website and may be obtained from ODH. Please refer to them for questions regarding implementation of the ACIP recommendations for VFC stock Tdap and MCV4.

MCV4 Recs

<http://www.ohioaap.org/files/MCV4%20Recs%20LHD%20Only%20030311.pdf>

Tdap VFC Recs

<http://www.ohioaap.org/files/Tdap%20VFC%20Recs%20HD%20020311.pdf>

Please try to focus on getting offices to commit to a strategy and making sure they are aware of the follow up.

As always should there be any concerns about the program or questions that come up that need clarification please contact me at (440) 845-1500, or e-mail me at:

drvmobi@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

Dr. V.

Training News:

MOBI TTT Workshop: Thank you to the 100+ MOBI trainers who attended the successful March and April sessions of the Annual MOBI Train-the-Trainer Workshop. Welcome to 2011 MOBI!

A special thank you to MOBI Trainers Wendy Brolly, Denise Brown, Brenda Eiting, Diane Kintner, and Francis Meeks for sharing their insights of what exactly makes their MOBI presentations work so well. It was much appreciated and well received by this year's TTT workshop attendees. MOBI trainers who are interested in sharing their personal approach to MOBI, just contact Karen Kirk at the MOBI office (614) 846-6350.

Thank you to Heather Hall of Ohio AAP for her Quality Improvement Process Overview. A reminder to MOBI trainers - As mentioned at the March workshop as part of MOBI's Quality Improvement efforts with the one- and six-month program follow-up, we are looking for provider office incentives to get offices to complete their 6-month follow up. Send your ideas and suggestions to Karen Kirk at the MOBI office (kkirk@ohioaap.org) or Dr. V at doctorv@preferredpediatrics.net.

MOBI Update:

Updated MOBI Resources – The MOBI slides, presentation notes, resource packs and disk were updated in March 2011. You received these updates at the March and April Train-the-Trainer Workshops. If you did not attend either of those workshops, please contact Karen at (614) 846-6350 or e-mail her at kkirk@ohioaap.org to receive a copy of the new materials.

New resources that were updated after the March training and before the September updates are available, they can be found on the MOBI website:

[http://www.ohioaap.org/program-initiatives/maximizing-office-based-immunization-\(mobi\)](http://www.ohioaap.org/program-initiatives/maximizing-office-based-immunization-(mobi))

Please visit the website throughout the year to find updated resources, as well as new resources, that may have missed our print deadlines for inclusion into the MOBI resource packs. All of the updated resources can be found on the Ohio AAP website www.ohioaap.org. The MOBI web page is accessed by clicking on the link “program initiatives” and scrolling down to Maximizing Office Based Immunization (MOBI).

ACIP Statements: Please note that the ACIP recommendations for each of the vaccines discussed in MOBI are found on the MOBI DISK. They are located under the file “MOBI ACIP Recommendations” For each ACIP recommendation file listed there is complete copy of the MMWR publication that contains the official ACIP Recommendation

* Note that when opening up the MMWR publication, you may have to scroll down to an index on the first page of the MMWR to see the actual page number of the updated ACIP recommendation. For a few of the vaccine recommendations, most notably Tdap and Meningococcal Conjugate, the ACIP recommendations start on page 13 and page 72 respectively. Don’t be surprised if the MMWR first page title may not pertain to immunization. Just scroll down and you will see an index directing you to the vaccine recommendation.

Parent Refusal Brochures - A reminder that both the four-color and B&W versions of the brochures are available for download, if providers wish to copy these free print materials for distribution within their practices. They can be found at:

<http://www.ohioaap.org/program-initiatives/parental-refusal>.

Updates on folder materials

Three of the references materials found in the MOBI folders have been updated since the March 2011 TTT. They can be found on the MOBI web page.

They are:

- Checklist for safe vaccine storage
- Summary of Recommendations for Child/Teens
- Summary of Recommendations for Adults

News You Can Use:

Immunization Events - For detailed descriptions of what immunization events are occurring state by state, nationally and internationally go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/activities.html>

Pink Book have arrived!!!

The 12th Edition of the Pink Books is finally here. We are including the Pink Books with upcoming programs. We hope to start getting out the back-ordered books the week of May 16th. When you receive your box of Pink Books it will include a list of the practices that never received one (going back to April 2010). It will be *your* responsibility to get those books to the practices. Thanks in advance for your help.

Reminder:**MOBI workshop certificates emailed**

MOBI attendance certificates for the March and April Train-the-Trainer workshops have been emailed to trainers. If you have not received yours, please contact Karen at 614-846-6350 or e-mail her at kkirk@ohioaap.org

Presentation certificates for attendees

MOBI attendance certificates are emailed directly to MOBI trainers – so remember to check your computer's inbox regularly – trainers can either forward the certificates to the practice or hand-deliver to the practice to make another contact with the office. Certificates for MOBI presentations held through March have been emailed to trainers. If you had a MOBI in March and did not receive your certificates, please contact the MOBI office. Karen is working on April certificates and you should be receiving those soon.

Whale's Tales welcomes all FAXES, calls, mail to the MOBI Program at (614) 846-6350