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Subject: PCV15 replacing PCV13 for pediatric use in VIMS

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Starting December 1st, PCV15 (Vaxneuvance, Merck) will be available for pediatric use, replacing PCV13 (Pevnar13, Pfizer) in VIMS.

- The ACIP did not make a preferential recommendation for PCV13 over PCV15 for pediatric use. PCV13 is being removed from VIMS to streamline practice inventory management.
- Beginning December 1st, PCV15 for pediatric use will be added to all VCVP catalogs, and PCV13 will no longer be available to order. **Please use the remaining PCV13 product you have on hand before ordering PCV15.**
- Follow your routine ordering schedule. Order PCV15 for pediatric use with all other routine vaccines when needed.

PCV15 Resources

ACIP* recommends **15-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV15)**
as an option for pneumococcal conjugate vaccination of children**

- PCV13 and PCV15:
 - can be used interchangeably
 - are recommended for all children aged 2–59 months and some others based on risk factors
 - can be administered at the same time as other routine vaccines, including COVID-19, using different syringes and vaccine sites
- PCV15 can be used according to currently recommended PCV13 dosing and schedules



**Make sure your patients are up to date
with their pneumococcal vaccinations**



*ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices)
** Risk-based recommendations on use of PPSV23 for people aged 2–18 years with certain underlying medical conditions that increase the risk for pneumococcal disease have not changed.

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[Use of 15-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Among U.S. Children: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices – United States, 2022 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/7137a3.htm)

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Acronyms:

ACIP: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

COCA: Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity

CDC: Centers for Disease Control

PCP: Primary Care Provider

VIMS: Vaccine Inventory Management System

VVP: Vermont Vaccine Program – includes both VAVP and VCVP

VAVP: Vermont Adult Vaccine Program

VCVP: Vermont Children's Vaccine Program