

Informed Consent Teaching Aid for Immunization Providers

Type of Project: Education
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Objective:

To create an informed consent teaching aid available to healthcare providers by September 1, 2007.

Target Audience: Healthcare Professionals

Project Summary: Several recent local and provincial research projects looking at the information needs of parents of young children and health care providers have identified the need to develop creative tools and materials to raise awareness and support for timely childhood immunizations, address misunderstandings, and improve the informed consent process (BC Immunization Parent Focus Group Study, February 2005 and April 2005, Vancouver Coastal Health Community Nursing Survey October 2005). The proposed program will address these needs and help reduce the amount of time involved providing information for informed immunization consent.

The teaching aid will include:

- Content about 13 publicly funded childhood vaccines including pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, specifically
- The diseases
- Risks and Benefits
- Common safety concerns
- Missed opportunities
- Adverse Events
- Aftercare
- Current web links and resources
- Addressing autism
- Researching on the internet
- Interesting color, graphics, and appropriate language to engage interest
- High quality, long lasting, materials
- A free-standing book format
- Diagrams and graphic layout to assist knowledge translation of a complex topic

The primary target audience will be 90% of the 1525 immunizing physicians and public health nurses within the region of Vancouver Coastal Health.

There will be a formal pre- and post- evaluation component including measures on:

- o Number of users
- o User friendliness of this learning method
- o Support of the timely delivery of immunization information
- o Level of improved communications

Completion Date: March 2008

Outcomes:

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), British Columbia developed a comprehensive informed consent teaching tool entitled *Immunization: An Important Choice You Make for Your Child*. The distribution of this tool is scheduled to take place in spring 2008. Prior to mass production, the health department conducted extensive field testing with 37 nurses, 12 parents, and 40 English as a Second Language students. The resource tested very well, with the graphic design, a key focus of the project, receiving high marks.