

Pediatric Immunization: Strategies, Challenges, and Advances in Protecting Children's Health

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Abstract

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Recommended Vaccines and Immunization Schedule

- Routine Vaccines:**
 - Hepatitis B:** A, 1-2, 6-18, B, 3.
 - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** 2, 4, 6, 15-18, 4-6.
 - Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** A, 2, 4, 6, 12-15.
 - Poliovirus (IPV):** 2, 4, 6-18, 4-6.
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** A, 12-15, 4-6.
 - Varicella (Chickenpox):** 12-15, 4-6.
 - Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13):** A, 2, 4, 6, 12-15, 4.
 - Rotavirus:** 2, 4, 6.

2. Adolescent Vaccines:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap):** A, 11-12.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** 11-12, 5.
- Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MenACWY):** A, 11-12, 16.

Benefits of Pediatric Immunization

- Disease Prevention:**
- Herd Immunity:**
- Economic Impact:**
- Eradiation Efforts:**

Challenges in Pediatric Immunization

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 2. **Access and Equity:** D
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