

Immunization and Vaccines

Vaccine hesitancy

Our best shot at beating COVID-19: Overcoming vaccine hesitancy in 2021 (<https://pedagogy.cps.ca/#/course-bundles/fa04fc8b-475f-49fb-9a5f-53a147e37050>). This new online module will equip health care professionals with the tools and skills to discuss new COVID vaccines with patients and to address concerns about safety, efficacy, and access. This self-directed module (<https://pedagogy.cps.ca/#/course-bundles/fa04fc8b-475f-49fb-9a5f-53a147e37050>) is accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Nurses may claim it as a continuous learning activity.

- Moving to acceptance: How to address vaccine hesitancy in your busy practice (<https://pedagogy.cps.ca/#/online-courses/777e078e-301f-403e-b1ad-8fa8e2ba876a>) online module
- Addressing vaccine hesitancy in immunization programs, clinics and practices (<https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/position/vaccine-hesitancy-in-immunization-programs>): Practice point, September 2018
- Working with vaccine-hesitant parents: An update (<https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/position/working-with-vaccine-hesitant-parents>): Practice point, September 2018

COVID-19 vaccines

- Clinical guidance for youth with myocarditis and pericarditis following mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination (<https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/position/clinical-guidance-for-youth-with-myocarditis-and-pericarditis>): Canadian Paediatric Society, Acute Care Committee, Community Paediatrics Committee
- COVID-19 vaccine for children (<https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/position/covid-19-vaccine-for-children>): Canadian Paediatric Society, Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committee

Online education for vaccine providers

- Education Program for Immunization Competencies (<https://www.cps.ca/en/icep-pfci>) (EPIC): In-depth review of the essential knowledge and skills you need to deliver vaccines safely and on time. (Credits: 22.5)

Guidelines for clinical practice

- Position statements and practice points (<https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/authors-auteurs/infectious-diseases-and-immunization-committee>) from the CPS Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committee
- Canadian Immunization Guide
- National Advisory Committee on Immunization guidelines

Surveillance

- IMPACT (<https://www.cps.ca/en/impact>): A national paediatric hospital-based active surveillance network for adverse events following immunization, vaccine failures and selected infectious diseases that are, or will be, vaccine preventable.
- Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program: Includes studies on congenital rubella syndrome, acute flaccid paralysis, and respiratory syncytial virus

Information for parents and caregivers

- Your Child's Best Shot (<https://bookstore.cps.ca/stock/details/your-childs-best-shot-a-parents-guide-to-vaccination-4th-edition>): A parent's guide to vaccination
- Protect your family from the flu (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOJrZVi1B_0): Video addressing myths about seasonal influenza vaccine
- Caring for Kids: Printable fact sheets for parents on all childhood and adolescent vaccines, including:
 - Vaccination and your child
 - Vaccine safety: Canada's system
 - Vaccines: Common concerns
 - Vaccines: Myths and facts
 - When parents choose not to vaccinate: Risks and responsibilities

Additional resources

- A Parent's Guide to Vaccination: Public Health Agency of Canada
- CANImmunize (<https://www.canimmunize.ca/en/home>): A free digital tool for Canadians that securely stores vaccination records and helps encourage on-time immunization
- CANVax: online database of curated resources to support immunization program planning and promotional activities to improve vaccine acceptance and uptake in Canada
- Immunize Canada: (<https://immunize.ca/>) A national coalition of organizations, including the CPS, that promotes immunization
- Vaccine safety websites: Sites that meet criteria for good information practices established by the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety
- Tips for making vaccinations as easy and pain-free as possible from HELPinKids
- 5 Ps of pain management during vaccine injection - A Clinician's Guide: Children 3 Years and Under (<https://immunize.ca/immunization-pain-management-clinician>)

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