

Fit To Immunize Assessment

The following list of questions should be asked, where appropriate, based on vaccine(s) being administered prior to each immunization visit. Based on client responses, further nursing assessment of the individual's health status may be required prior to immunization. Refer to *Standard on the Contraindications and Precautions Related to Immunization* for further detail.

1. Are you/is your child well today?

- **Rationale:** Minor acute illness with or without fever would not be a contraindication.

2. Do you/does your child have any allergies?

- **Rationale:** Known anaphylactic hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine would be a contraindication.
- The exception is egg allergic individuals who can be safely immunized with MMR and MMR-Var vaccines or against influenza using inactivated or live attenuated influenza vaccine.

3. Have you/has your child ever had a reaction to a vaccine?

- **Rationale:** To determine if there is any contraindication to administration of vaccine and to ensure past Adverse Events Following Immunizations have been reported and assessed appropriately.

4. Do you/does your child have any health conditions?

- **Rationale:** To identify medical conditions, such as, but not limited to, immune compromising conditions that may be a precaution/contraindication to receiving vaccine; to identify immediate/upcoming surgery; to identify other vaccines the client may be eligible for due to underlying health conditions.

5. Do you/does your child take any medications regularly?

- **Rationale:** To identify any medications that may be a precaution/contraindication to receiving vaccine or render them less effective.

6. For children 12 to 23 months of age, is there a history of seizures in your child or your child's immediate family (i.e., parents or siblings)?

- **Rationale:** To determine if separate MMR and Varicella vaccines should be offered to children 12 to 23 months of age.

7. Have you/has your child received any other vaccines/biologicals in the past 4 weeks?

- **Rationale:** To identify if individual has received any live parenteral vaccines which could interfere with live vaccine administration or if they have received mpxv vaccine and recommended spacing needs to be considered.

8. Have you/has your child had this vaccine before?

- **Rationale:** To assess previous immunization history to determine appropriate spacing/number of doses required.

9. Have you/has your child received any blood or blood products in the past year?

- **Rationale:** To identify if individual has received any blood/blood products which may interfere with live vaccine administration.

10. Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?

- **Rationale:** To determine contraindication to a vaccine and to offer opportunity to discuss risk and benefits.
- To identify clients who may become pregnant and advise regarding recommended interval following administration of a live vaccine.

11. Do you provide health care services to or do you/does your child have close contact with persons who are immunocompromised?

- **Rationale:** To provide advice to an immunized person about how to prevent transmission of infection to an immunocompromised person (e.g. covering a varicella vaccine rash).
- To determine the vaccine reason code.

12. For infants receiving a live vaccine, is there any known or suspected family history of congenital immunodeficiency disorder, history of HIV infection, or history of failure to thrive and recurrent infections?

- **Rationale:** if family history exists, immunodeficiency disorders should be ruled out prior to immunization as immunocompromising conditions are less likely to be diagnosed in young children.

13. Has the mother taken any immunocompromising drugs during pregnancy/breastfeeding?

- **Rationale:** Immunosuppression from some medications given to a mother during pregnancy or while breastfeeding, can cause immunosuppression in infants.

14. For people getting COVID-19 vaccine, when did you/your child last have COVID-19 infection?

- **Rationale:** To identify when the individual was last infected with COVID-19 to provide guidance on suggested intervals between infection and COVID-19 immunization.