

CT Adult Immunization News

Spring 2015

Influenza Vaccine Recalls

GSK is voluntarily recalling all remaining lots of 2014-2015 FLULAVAL® QUADRIVALENT Thimerosal-Free Pre-Filled Syringes (PFS)*. As part of stability testing, GSK observed loss of potency below the minimum specification prior to product expiry for the B strains included in the vaccine. The lots are being recalled due to the potential for reduced efficacy offered by the vaccine and not as a result of any identified safety concern.

In addition, as part of ongoing monitoring of the stability of all of Sanofi Pasteur influenza vaccines, they have found that the antigen content of 3 lots of the 2014-2015 Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine supplied in multidose vials has declined below the stability specification limit for 2 strains – A/Texas H3N2 and B/Brisbane (Victoria lineage). Stability tests for the A/California H1N1 and B/Massachusetts (Yamagata lineage) strains in these lots have remained within specification.

This information was taken from both GlaxoSmithKline's and Sanofi Pasteur's recall letters.

For more information on the GSK recall visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/news/gsk-flu-vaccine-recall.htm>

For more information on the Sanofi Pasteur recall visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/news/sanofi-pasteur-recall.htm>

Standards for Adult Immunization Practice Online Modules

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Medscape has been collaborating with the Summit to develop online modules to assist in the implementation of the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice.

The first module on assessment was launched last year and the second module on recommendation was recently released.

It is available at:

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/842874> and

features video vignettes of different providers making strong recommendations for different adult vaccines.

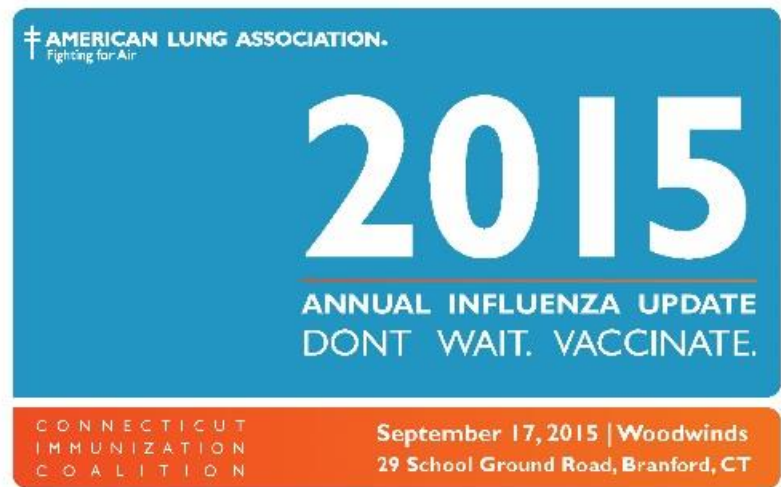
You will need to sign-up for a free Medscape account first.

Annual Influenza Update: September 17, 2015

The flu conference planning committee is excited to announce the Annual Influenza Conference will be held on September 17, 2015 at the Woodwinds in Branford.

The conference will include a presentation by Litjen (L.J.) Tan from the Immunization Action Coalition! In addition, Dr. Joseph Domachowske will speak on vaccine hesitancy and Dr. John McLaughlin will speak on the economic burden of adult vaccinations.

This will be a fantastic conference and we look forward to seeing you there!



The CT Immunization Coalition is dedicated to the promotion of adult vaccinations for the protection from illness or complications from invasive pneumococcal disease, herpes zoster, pertussis and other vaccine preventable diseases. The coalition also focuses on influenza vaccination throughout the community. Membership is open to any person or agency interested in the scope of adult and influenza vaccinations. Through a diverse membership, the coalition is able respond to the ever-changing issues related to vaccinating the community

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