



Topic: Recording International Vaccines

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Information Requested:

1. Are international vaccines recorded in your IIS?
2. If yes, how do you record international vaccines if they do not count as being valid in the USA, i.e., MenC?
3. Do you record the international vaccine brand names or do you record the combination types?

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Results:

MN:

1. International vaccines can be recorded in MIIC to the extent that appropriate CVX codes are available in the CDC code set. If the single antigen or combination is listed there, we can accept it in the generic form, without a tradename. Our refugee health program often records international vaccines this way in MIIC. If the combination is one not offered in the CDC code set, it can be entered by component. There are a few codes in the set specifically for international vaccines, including 190-195, which specifically call out these scenarios.
2. Vaccines that are not valid in the US are not listed as acceptable in each vaccine schedule in our forecaster. MenC could be entered with CVX code 167 (meningococcal, unknown serogroups) and would show as NOT VALID for both our MenACWY and Men B vaccine series.
3. We do not record international vaccine brand names. We record the combination type if available, or split it into multiple components as necessary.

RI:

1. Rhode Island records some international vaccines – only if a clear CVX code can be identified from the record



2. Currently, if the vaccine does not count toward a USA series it is recorded in an “Other” vaccine category or omitted. We are in the process of switching our algorithm to ICE and have not yet tested how ICE responds to these vaccines.
3. To date we have recorded the combination types

VT:

We can and do record international vaccines in our IIS. As a resettlement city, we often have children who have been immunized in other countries. Our principle is to record all immunization information – whether or not the immunization was administered in the US.

Immunizations in our system are logged/indexed by CVX code, not by brand name.

We are currently using a version of the WIR forecaster that allows us to count/not count specific formulations (CVX codes) in a particular vaccine series. In other words, we can record an immunization that does not count in a specific series according to ACIP, and use our forecaster to manage that.

WA:

Yes, WA's IIS records many vaccine types even those that are international vaccines. We have many vaccine options to choose from in our vaccine settings and if it doesn't exist, all vaccines have a generic unspecified type option to select if the brand name is unknown. For example, we have a “meningococcal-unspecified”, “DTaP-unspecified formulation” etc.

WI:

1. No
2. N/A
3. N/A