

Hepatitis A: New Vaccine Info Materials From CDC.

On May 31, 2006 the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the availability of a new Vaccine Information Statement for Hepatitis A vaccine to be used by healthcare providers starting no later than July 1, 2006.

By law any US healthcare provider who administers certain vaccines to any child or adult must provide a copy of the relevant vaccine information materials.

We placed the CDC's new Vaccine Information Statement for Hepatitis A on our website at www.nursinglaw.com/hepAvis.pdf.

Current versions of all the CDC's Vaccine Information Statements are available on the CDC's website www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS.

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The CDC has highlighted certain features of its current information statement for Hepatitis A.

The vaccine is not to be given to children under one year of age.

Persons who should routinely be vaccinated include:

- All children 12 to 23 months old;
- Men who have sex with men;
- Persons who use street drugs;
- Persons with chronic liver disease;
- Persons who are treated with clotting factor concentrates.

The CDC's May 31, 2006 announcement from the Federal Register is on our website at www.nursinglaw.com/CDC053106.pdf.

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