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## HAAP Position Paper Vaccine Refusal May 25, 2011

1. Pediatricians should encourage all patients to receive the recommended vaccinations in a timely manner as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip>, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, <http://www.aap.org/immunization/izschedule.html>
2. If patients and/or their families refuse or insist on deferring immunizations, pediatricians should document their counseling and patient refusal, e.g. <http://www.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/pdf/refusaltoVaccinate.pdf>
3. Pediatricians should whenever feasible continue to care for and counsel those families who have refused vaccinations.
4. Pediatricians should submit to the health plan the appropriate vaccine not given ICD-9 codes (V64.00 – V64.09).  
<http://practice.aap.org/content.aspx?aid=1607&nodeID=4035>
5. All health plans should
  - a. Recognize the Principles of the Patient Centered Medical Home  
<http://www.pcpcc.net/content/joint-principles-patient-centered-medical-home>
  - b. Recognize that physicians cannot vaccinate without the consent of the patient or responsible party
  - c. Recognize that patient/family refusal to vaccinate is a community wide problem that health plans need to address
  - d. Accept & track submitted codes V64.00 – V64.09
  - e. Not penalize physicians for vaccines not given to patients who refuse vaccines when appropriate documentation and coding is present.
6. HAAP will advocate for pediatricians and children to achieve high immunization rates and offer resources to help pediatricians keep up to date on immunization controversies.

Ref: Diekema, D., "CLINICAL REPORT Guidance for the Clinician in Rendering Pediatric Care Responding to Parental Refusals of Immunization of Children" Pediatrics May 2005 115(5): 1428 – 1431.