Only 40% of Parents Intend to Vaccinate Kids

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Despite clinical evidence suggesting that children are at higher risk for pandemic influenza A(H1N1) complications, only 40% of parents surveyed said they plan to have their children vaccinated against that strain of the flu.

The survey, conducted in August by the C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital National Poll on Children’s Health, also found that 54% of parents intended to vaccinate their children against the regular seasonal flu. The survey cohort comprised 1,678 adult parents; the sample was then weighted to reflect population figures from the U.S. Census Bureau. Although 40% of parents said they were definitely or probably going to have their children vaccinated against pandemic flu, 29% said that they definitely or probably would not have their children vaccinated.

Most of these (56%) said they were worried about side effects of the vaccine. Other reasons for declining included not being concerned about getting H1N1 (34%), not being concerned about the vaccine’s cost (20%), and the belief that H1N1 is not a serious disease (19%).

Advance reactions are described by System Oncology органов и половых путей of the influenza virus (Pancreas, 20 (2): 356–357). In the absence of contraindications, the vaccine is administered intramuscularly in the deltoid region. The vaccine is usually given in a dose of 0.5 mL. The vaccine should be stored at 2°C to 8°C. The vaccine is not recommended for use in individuals with a history of egg allergy. The vaccine is not recommended for use in individuals with a history of active or severe inflammatory disease. The vaccine is not recommended for use in individuals with a history of a severe allergic reaction to eggs. The vaccine is not recommended for use in individuals with a history of a severe allergic reaction to eggs. The vaccine is not recommended for use in individuals with a history of a severe allergic reaction to eggs.

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The details of the codes are as follows:

- 90470: H1N1 immunization, both intramuscular and intranasal.
- 90663: Influenza virus vaccine (pandemic H1N1 formulation).

The new CPT code (90470) is effective immediately. The revised code (90663) is effective July 1, 2009. To be paid for H1N1 vaccine administration, providers should bill 90663 in conjunction with 90470, theAMA said. The 90663 code should be billed at zero dollars, because the vaccine itself is being provided by the federal government at no charge.

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