Dates to Remember

• Fall 2012, Educational Forum, please watch for dates

Announcements (2)

1) Menactra Lot# Issue

We wanted to make you aware of a potential issue which you may encounter when scanning one particular lot of Menactra (MCV4) 0.5 ml single dose vaccines. The concerned lot# is U3904AA and the expiration date is December 10, 2012.

Problem Description: The two-dimensional (2D) barcode for lot# U3904AA is missing the “Day” component of the Vaccine Expiration Date (format: YYMMDD). As a result of this missing component, the incorrect date or lot# may be captured by the scanner as input into your EMR/IIS system. Sanofi Pasteur has confirmed that this was a technical issue that is isolated to one lot, and has already put corrective action in place to ensure the issue is not repeated. The product is safe to use and is in no way impacted by the barcode error.

What you can do:

For the purposes of this pilot and to avoid the scanning error, please follow these simple steps:

Practice Notes

A significant number of practices are experiencing challenges while producing the baseline data extracts. The most common obstacles are listed here:

• Missing data
• Capturing incorrect data
• Need help designing procedures to capture data or removing personal identifiable data
• Need more time to prepare the data

If you are experiencing any of these issues, you are not alone. Numerous means exist to help you resolve this challenge. Here is a list of approaches that others are using to capture and format the data:

• Collaborate with EMR/EHR vendors
• Utilize internal IT personnel
• Collaborate with state/grantee IIS personnel
• Create Excel data dump
• Contract an external IT company

If you have attempted preparing the data extract and need additional guidance, please contact your pilot PHA for help designing a solution. The data collected during this pilot is vital to the outcome of the study, so we want you to succeed. Please let us know how we can help.
Announcement 1, Menactra Lot# Issue - continued

1. When you scan the 2D-barcoded Menactra vaccine, please ensure the Lot# and/or Expiration Date being output is as printed on the vial.

2. If you see only 904AA being output as the lot# or an incorrect date in the expiration field, please erase all scanned data and manually enter information into your EMR/IIS system. Also, please log this activity in the manual entry log that we have supplied to you.

As always, we are here to support you. In case of any further questions, please email us at support@2dbarcodepilot.com or call us at 1-800-380-5147 or contact customer service at Sanofi Pasteur at Sanofi directly at 1-800-VACCINE (1-800-822-2463).

2) Prepaid Envelopes
Two prepaid envelopes were recently sent to all enrolled practices. Please keep these for later use. These are to be used to deliver hard copies of shipping manifests and/or inventory balance sheets during the second and last data extracts (through Nov 30, 2012 and through Mar 31, 2013) for which you are not able to submit in electronic format.

Monthly Updates
Installation and training is continuing. As of Friday, May 11, 2012:

- Practices enrolled: 220
- Practices installed: 96
- Installations Completed: 44%

To date, the pilot Public Health Advisor (PHA) and technical analyst deployment teams have installed scanners in Florida, New York, New Jersey, New York City, Oregon, Iowa, Michigan, and Washington. Installations will continue in these locations over the next several weeks as well as in Alaska and Wyoming.

From the Support Desk
The top issues reported by provider sites are not currently showing significant trends or common problems. On occasion, sites need more scanners than originally requested and the deployment teams are addressing those issues while onsite. There have also been a few reports of scanners beeping, lighting up inappropriately, or not lighting up at all. Some of these issues were resolved by a simple adjustment to the scanner configuration while others required restarting the computer. Anyone experiencing those problems should email the technical support team. The few remaining issues reported have been site-specific with no expectation that other pilot participants will be affected.

We look forward to helping resolve any problems you encounter with the barcode scanners. Please contact the technical support team as follows:

Email: support@2dbarcodepilot.com available now through March 2013

Phone: (800) 380-5147 available August 2012 through March 2013

Reminders
Please remember to use the Manual Entry Tracking Log whenever a barcode scanner cannot be used to scan the 2D barcode on the vaccine. Once the manual entry is logged, please contact the technical support team to report the problem.

Thank you
As part of our ongoing communication, we want to hear from you. Please email us with your suggestions for additional relevant topics or information that you would like to see included as part of this status report. Thank you again for your participation in the CDC 2D Vaccine Barcode Pilot.

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