Shingrix Vaccine Shortage: Due to high levels of demand, GSK has implemented order limits and providers have experienced shipping delays. These order limits and shipping delays are anticipated to continue through 2018. In response, GSK has increased U.S. supply and plans to release doses on a consistent and predictable schedule for the rest of 2018. Overall, the supply of Shingrix during 2018 is sufficient to support the vaccination of more patients during 2018 than were vaccinated against shingles during 2017. For more info: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/clinical-shortages.html

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https://www.cdc.gov/knowhepatitisb/PDFS/Infographic-Pernonati.pdf

Adolescent Vaccination Peer-Education Pilot Project

Would teenagers be more knowledgeable about vaccines and willing to be vaccinated if information was provided by their peers? The Adolescent Vaccination Peer-Education Pilot Project was designed to find out.

Peer educators from Farrington High School (FHS) were trained by University of Hawaii graduate students and prepared educational modules, videos, and interactive activities designed to promote vaccine awareness and knowledge. They presented this information to FHS health education and health academy students in the Spring of 2018. Pre and post-survey results demonstrated the effectiveness of this model for disseminating vaccine information, improving perceptions of vaccine safety, and increasing students’ intent to be vaccinated.

Below are results from surveys completed by 181 students participating in the pilot project.

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Top Reasons Parents Chose To Vaccinate
• Doctor said they should
• Wanted to protect their child
• Child had all the other vaccines so the HPV vaccine was one more

Not to Vaccinate
• Didn’t know about the vaccine
• Doctor didn’t mention the vaccine
• Concerns that the vaccine was too new

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