



SPN Position Statement Importance of immunization

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Immunizations are a safe and effective intervention for the prevention of communicable diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases can have devastating impacts on the health and well-being of children and youth, and vaccines therefore serve as one of the most important public health strategies to combat these diseases and promote the health of our society. Pediatric nurses play a critical role in ensuring that all eligible children receive recommended vaccinations on schedule, thus protecting the individual patient and also ensuring the maintenance of herd immunity to protect those ineligible or too young for vaccination. The Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) calls on all pediatric nurses to help combat vaccine misinformation by providing current, evidence-based education from reputable sources to patients and families who are considering vaccination or who are vaccine hesitant. SPN further encourages pediatric nurses to advocate for evidence-and expert-informed decision making by government officials about vaccines.

Here are key resources that provide accurate information regarding vaccinations.

- [World Health Organization Vaccines and Immunization](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Schedules](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccines Recommendations](#)

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