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Dear Colleague:

We would like to make you aware of the numerous immunization educational opportunities available on the Internet, many of which are free and provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides several opportunities for immunization self-study courses. For example, two current web-on-demand videos are "Pertussis: Coughing up the Facts on Pertussis – Emerging Trends and Vaccine Recommendations" and "You Are the Key to HPV Cancer Prevention," each of which provides 1 hour of CME. You can browse all the available CDC immunization courses at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/default.htm#courses>. CDC also has short (under 4 minutes) immunization podcasts that can be downloaded to your desktop and portable devices, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/podcasts.htm>. These short podcasts are for informational only purposes; CME is not available for them.

CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) provides CME for many of its immunization publications. You will find MMWR publications that give CME at <http://www.cdc.gov/TCEOnline> by clicking on "Search" from the main menu and entering "MMWR" under "Search Options: 2) Keyword Search," then clicking "View." By browsing the titles you will be able to locate those which are immunization-related. Other vaccine educational opportunities are available, as follows:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has numerous educational resources on its AAP Online Learning Center. For immunization courses which provide CME, go to http://pedialink.aap.org/visitor/cme/cme_finder. Enter "immunization" in the search field at the top of the page. There is a fee for these courses.
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), at <http://www.chop.edu/professionals/vaccine-healthcare-providers/vaccine-webinar-series/webinar-archives/webinar-archives.html>, keeps an archive of CHOP's vaccine webinars. One CME hour is available for each of these free programs.
- Medscape also offers free, continuously updated immunization self-study activities, available for CME credit. At <http://www.medscape.org/publichealth> you can browse titles and find several immunization programs. For adult immunization courses, Medscape offers them at <http://www.medscape.org/resource/vaccines/cme>.

We encourage you to complete self-study courses in the ever-changing field of immunization and, as always, we thank you for your efforts at protecting New Yorkers from vaccine preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane R. Zucker".

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