

Finding Credible Vaccine Information

Before considering vaccine information on the Internet, check that the information comes from a credible source and is updated on a regular basis.

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As you search for vaccine information, consider guidance from these sources:

- The Immunization Action Coalition suggests [questions you should ask](#) .
- [The National Network for Immunization Information \(NNii\)](#) suggests questions to ask when evaluating information.
- The University of California San Francisco's [Evaluating Health Information](#) page lists "Red Flags" every consumer needs to know.
- The [Medical Library Association](#) translates medical jargon ([Medspeak](#)) into language everyone can understand.

While the Internet is a useful tool for researching health-related issues, it should not replace a discussion with a healthcare professional.

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