



# SHOTS FOR TEENS

They're not just for babies!

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# WHY NOW?

- ✱ More shots recommended
  - ✱ High incidence of specific diseases
  - ✱ Reservoir for transmission
  - ✱ At-risk lifestyles
- ✱ Formerly de-emphasized area for routine care

# SHOT SCHEDULE, 1979

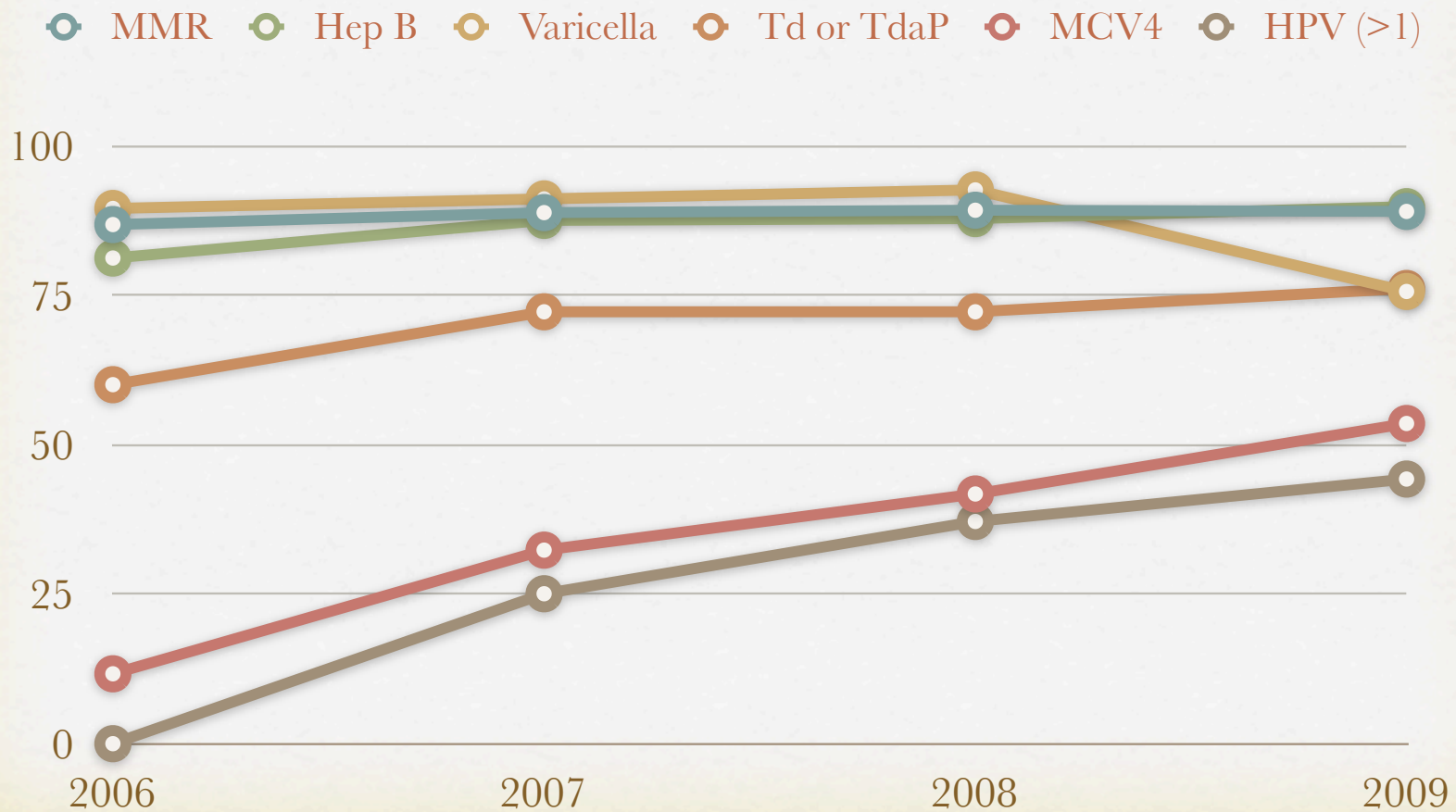
2 Month	DTP	Oral Polio
4 Month	DTP	Oral Polio
6 Month	DTP	Oral Polio
12 Month	MMR	
18 Month	DTP	Oral Polio
5 Year	DTP	Oral Polio
Every 10 yrs	Tetanus or Td booster	

# SHOT SCHEDULE, 2011

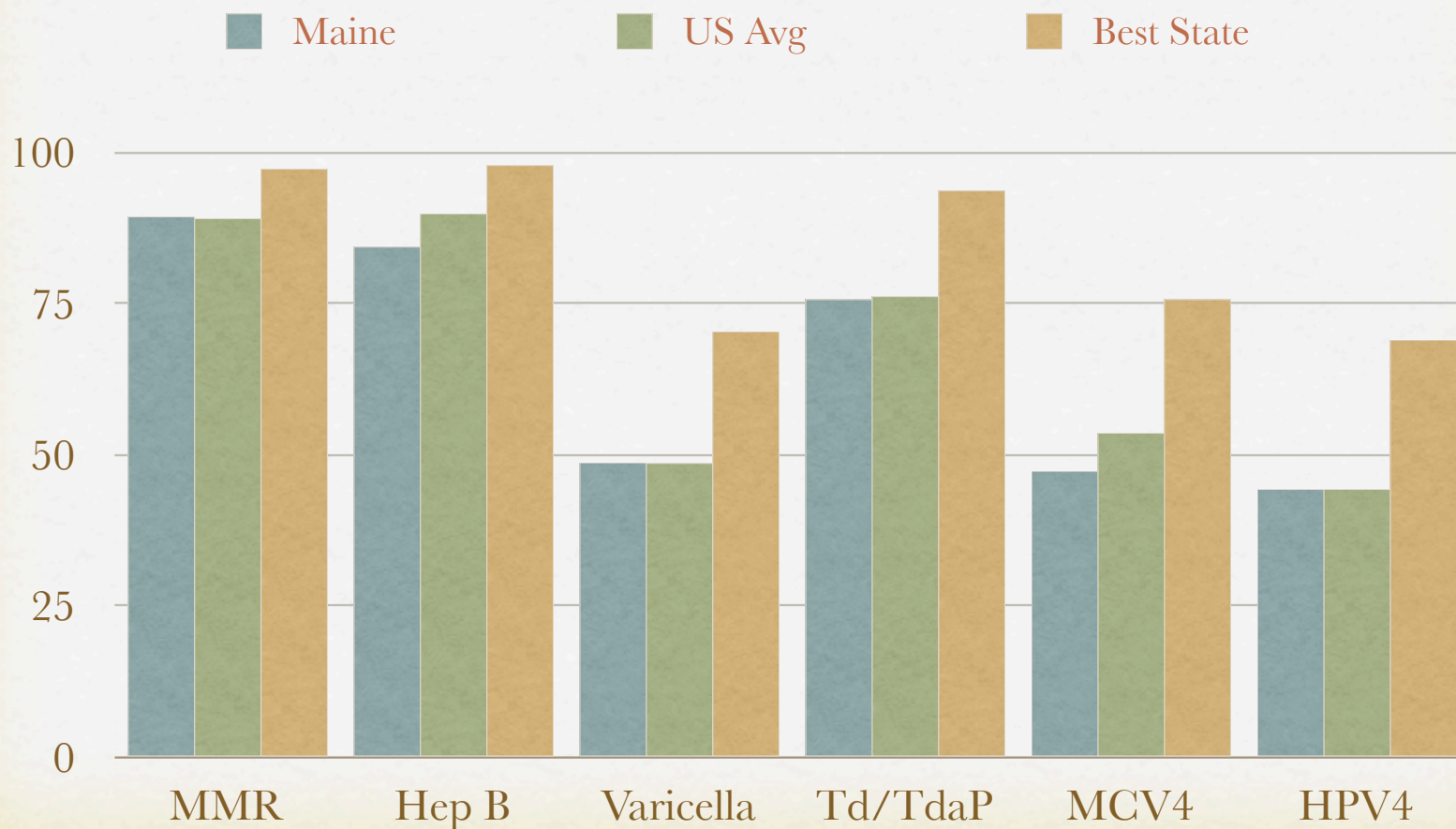
(IGNORING COMBO VACCINES)

Birth	Hep B				
1 Month	Hep B				
2 Month	DTaP	IPV	PN13	HIB	Rota
4 Month	DTaP	IPV	PN13	HIB	Rota
6 Month	DTaP	PN13	(HIB)	(Rota)	
9 Month	Hep B	IPV			
12 Month	HIB	PN13	Hep A		
15 Month	DTaP	MMR	VZV		
18 Month	Hep A				
5 Year	DTaP	IPV	MMR	VZV	
11 Year	TdaP	MCV4	HPV		
16 Year	MCV4				
Yearly	Influenza				

# NEW FOCUS--TEENS

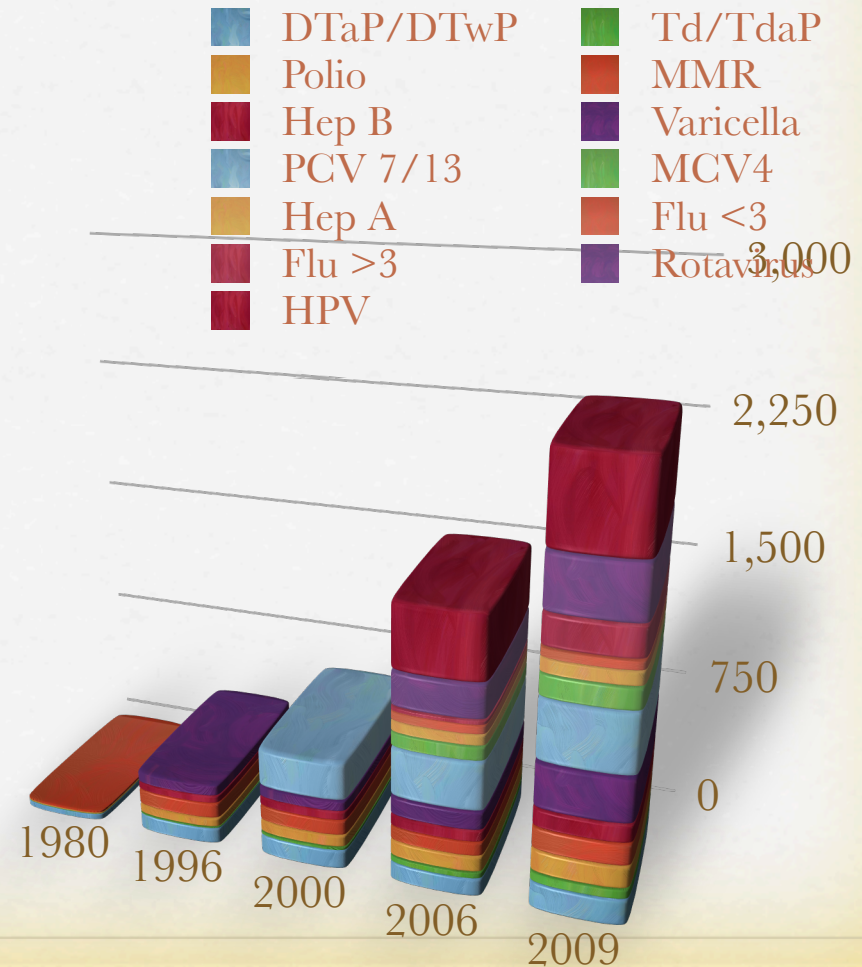


# MAINE NOT A LEADER



# SKYROCKETING COST

	1980	1996	2000	2006	2009
DTaP/	37	96	114	105	152
Td/TdaP	2	6	17	36	56
Polio	5	51	68	91	125
MMR	15	93	90	81	125
HepB		42	51	64	100
VZV		64	59	104	251
PCV		0	219	277	333
MCV4		0	0	82	123
HepA		0	0	61	78
Flu <3		0	0	52	52
Flu >3		0	0	22	167
Rota		0	0	190	296
HPV		0	0	360	478
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>2554</b>



# LOOK AT TEEN SHOTS

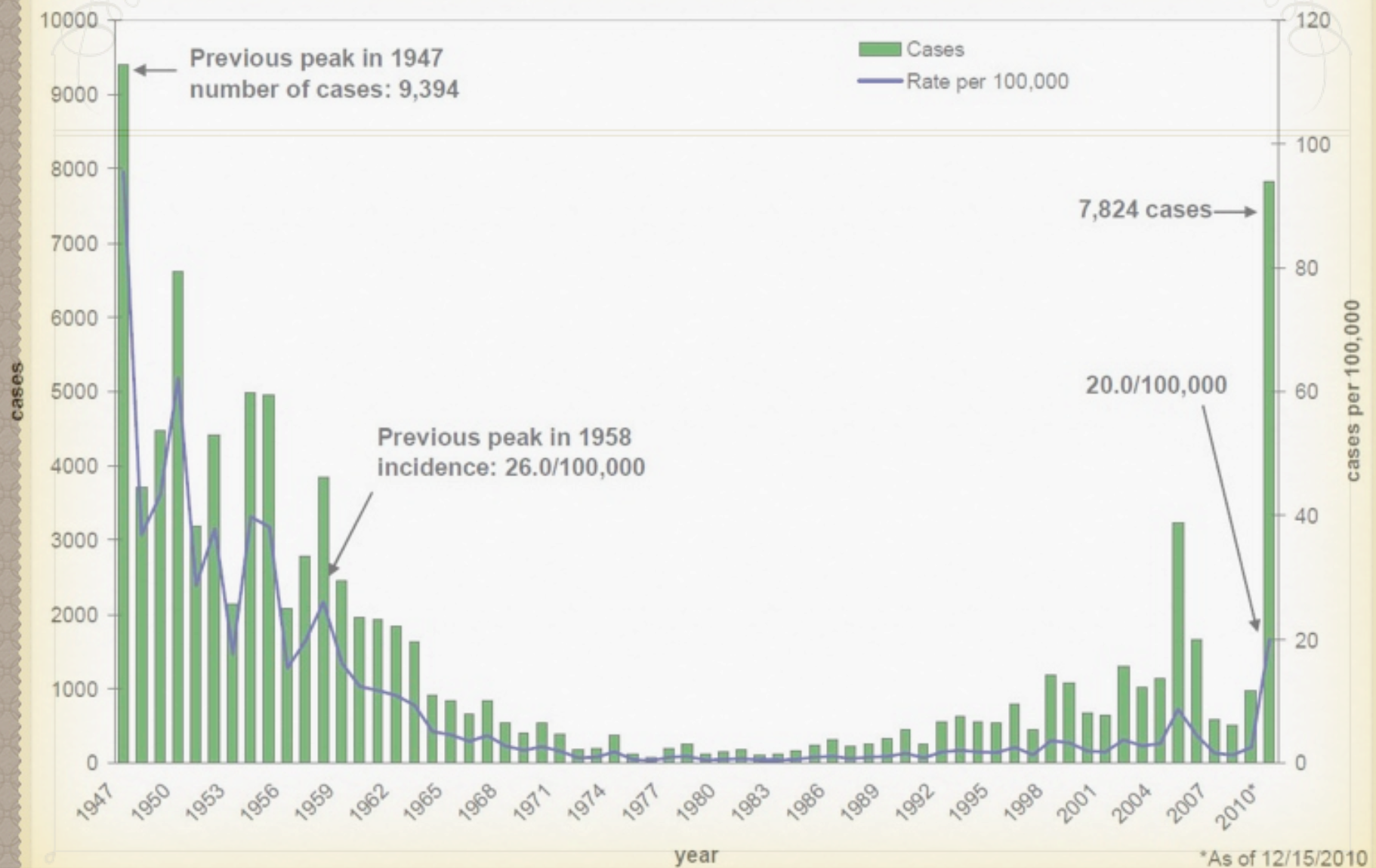
- ✱ TdaP
- ✱ Meningococcal
- ✱ HPV
- ✱ Hepatitis A (newly recommended universally)



# TDAP

- ❖ Replacing teen Td
- ❖ Two vaccines--Adacell, Boostrix
- ❖ Approved for single dose
- ❖ ACIP recommends use outside of approved ages
- ❖ Prevent community spread of pertussis
- ❖ Morbidity/Mortality in NB/infants

Figure 2. Number of reported pertussis cases by year of onset -- California 1947-2010\*



\*As of 12/15/2010

# TDAP CHALLENGES

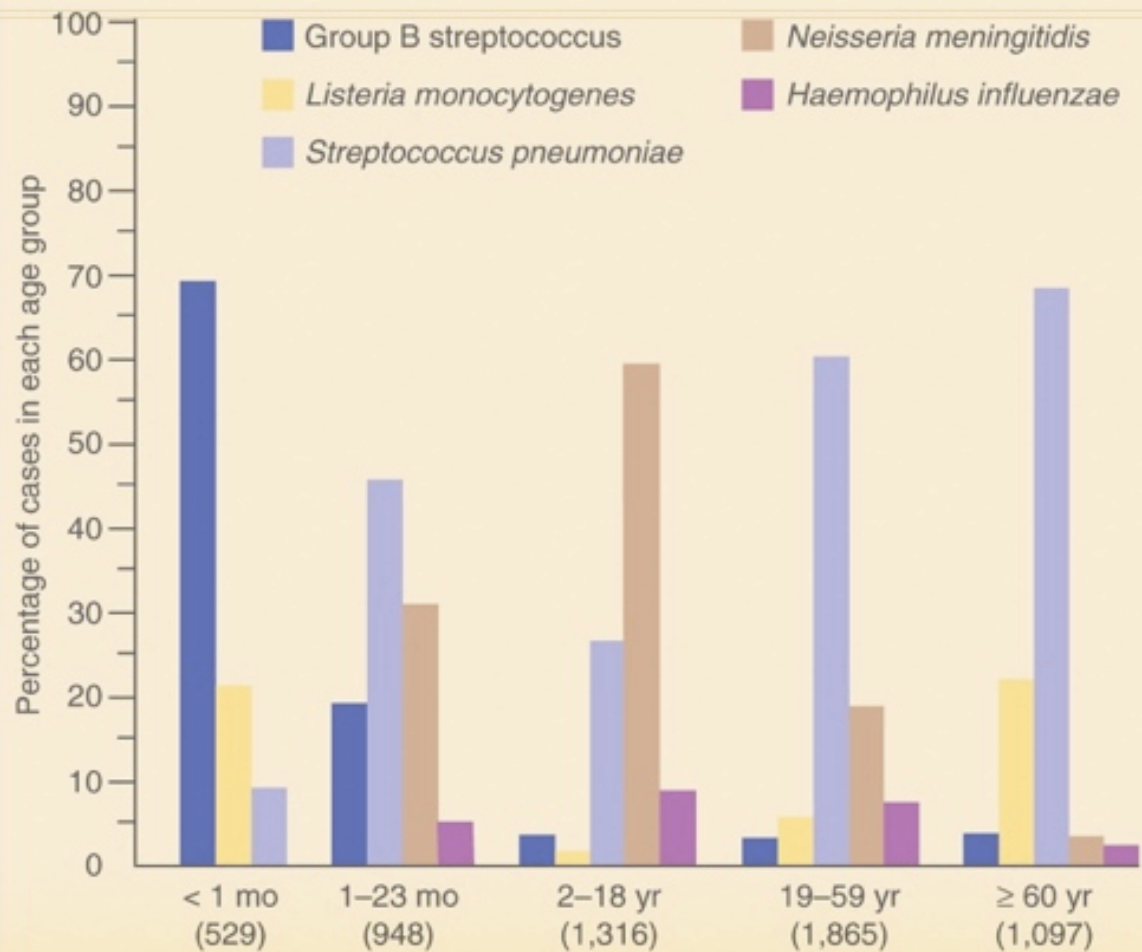
- ✱ Cost--minimal increase over Td
- ✱ ER use--concern over giving extra dose
- ✱ “Cocooning” to protect newborn
  - ✱ Post-natal dose for mom
  - ✱ How to get dose for dad?
  - ✱ ? Prenatal dose for mom
  - ✱ Others in contact--ACIP recommends use >65 (off-label)

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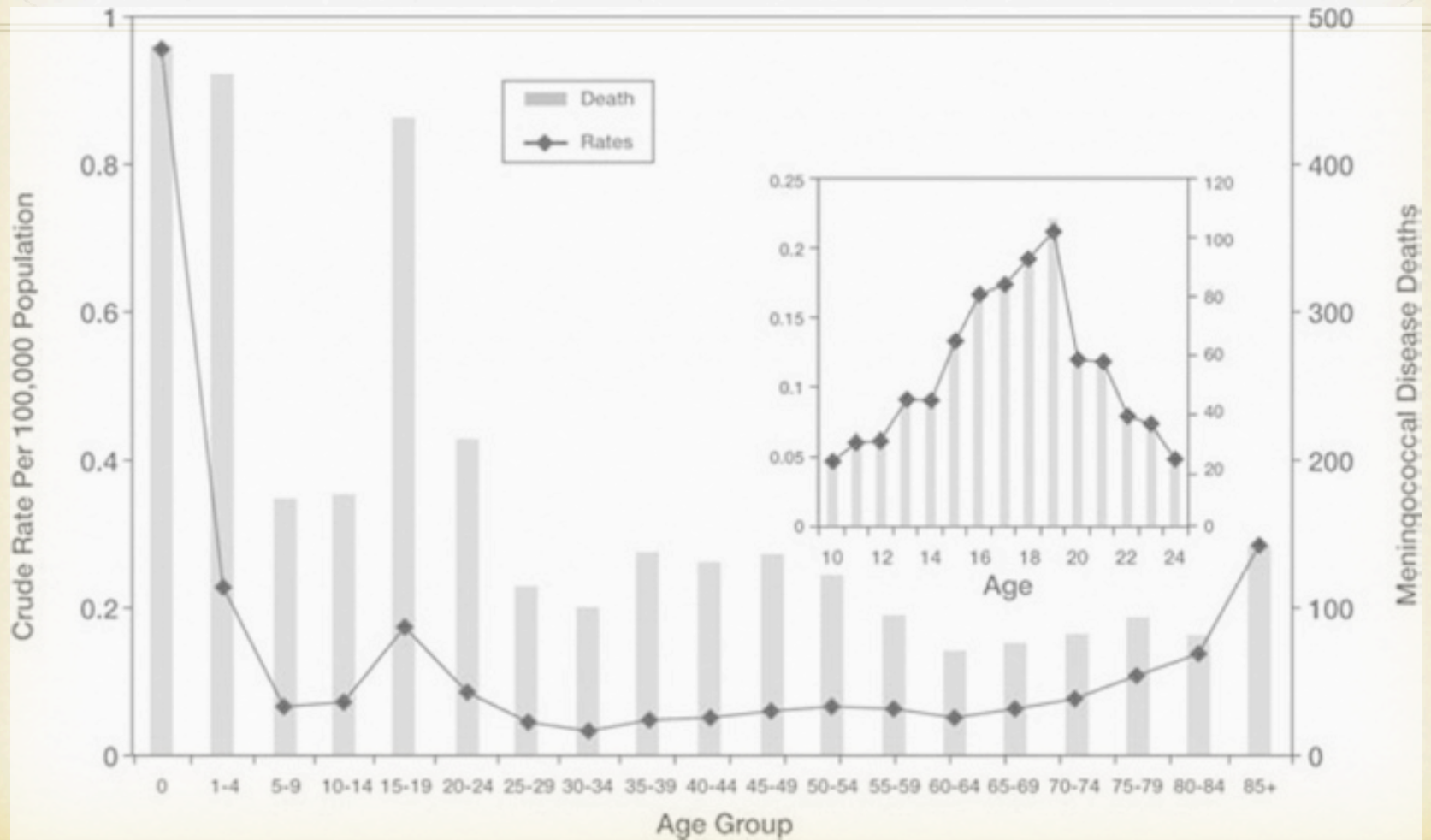
- ✱ Two vaccines--conjugate, tetravalent (Menactra, Menveo)
- ✱ NO type B coverage (32% of cases)
- ✱ Recommended for routine age 11, repeat in 5 yrs if still at-risk
- ✱ May give younger if at high risk (Menactra 9 Mos+, Menveo 2y+)
- ✱ Low incidence of disease--highest morbidity/mortality

# CHILDHOOD MENINGITIS

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# PEAKS--YOUNG & TEEN



# CHANGES IN MCV4 USE

- ✱ Recent recommendation for “five year booster”
- ✱ Lowered age for high risk to nine months
- ✱ Working on
  - ✱ Routine use for infants
  - ✱ Solution for Type B (in NZ, only one strain of B, here multitude)

# HPV

- ✱ Two vaccines (Cervarix, Gardasil)
- ✱ Given prior to exposure to HPV--recommended 11
- ✱ Three doses over 6 months
- ✱ Low acceptance, lower completion
- ✱ Painful!



# NOT THE SAME

- ✱ Cervarix--bivalent (16, 18) for cervical cancer protection
- ✱ Gardasil--quadrivalent, covers genital wart strains (6, 11) also
- ✱ Both highly effective, appear to have additional coverage against oncogenic strains
- ✱ Need full series of same vaccine

# SLOW RISE HPV VAX

	2007	2008	2009	
US	25.1	37.2	44.3	
Maine		40.3	44.4	
Highest		54.4	69	NH, MA
Lowest		15.8	22.9	MS

# HPV FOR GUYS

- ✱ Currently (since 2009) a “permissive” recommendation from ACIP
- ✱ Prevents genital warts, and anal, oral, penile cancer
- ✱ “Herd Immunity” for a STI

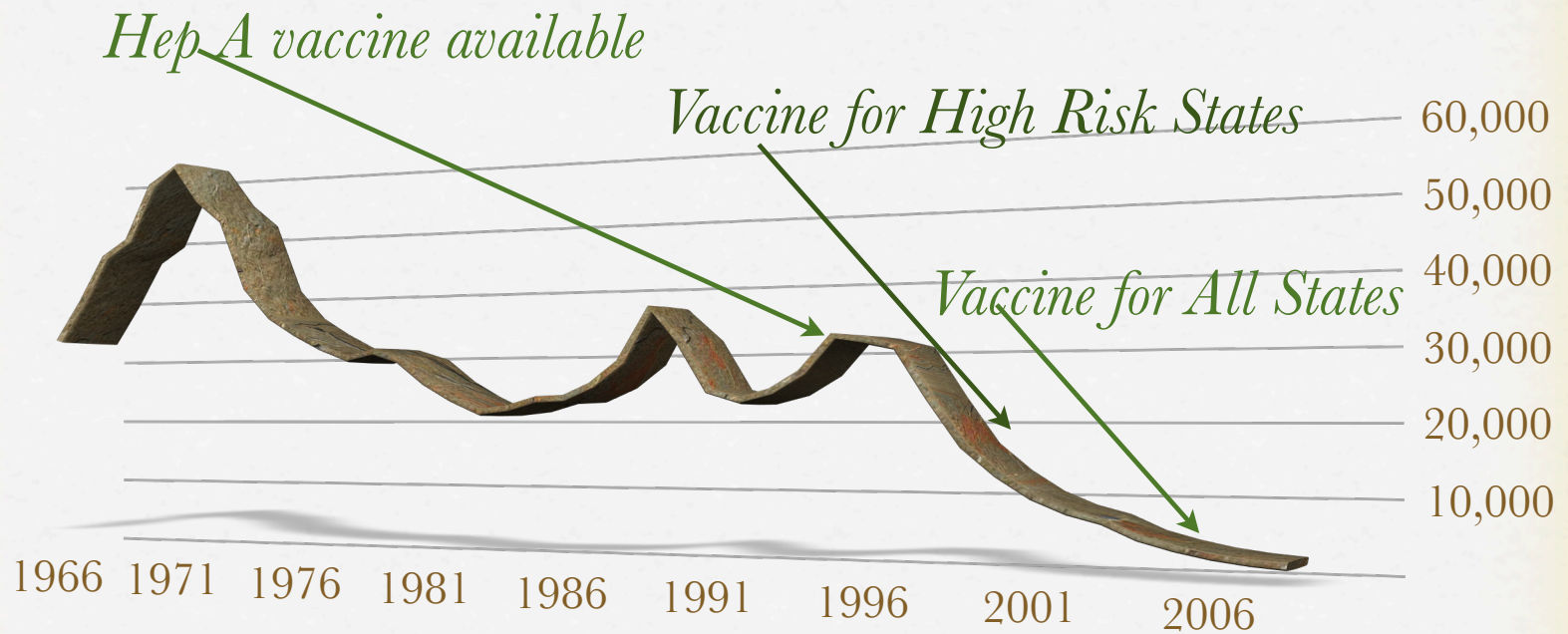
# STATED HPV VX WORRIES

- \* Too young! She won't need it!
  - \* Most effective given prior to any sexual contact
  - \* 312 urban adolescent girls (mean 16 y/o)--active X2 yrs, 4 partners, 64% HPV +
  - \* One study (university) had 29% HPV infection rate after FIRST male sexual partner
  - \* Giving other adolescent immunizations at 11 y/o
- \* No viral DNA in vaccine
- \* Pain/Fainting significantly higher
- \* Extensive post-marketing surveillance only significant for fainting, thromboembolism

# HEPATITIS A

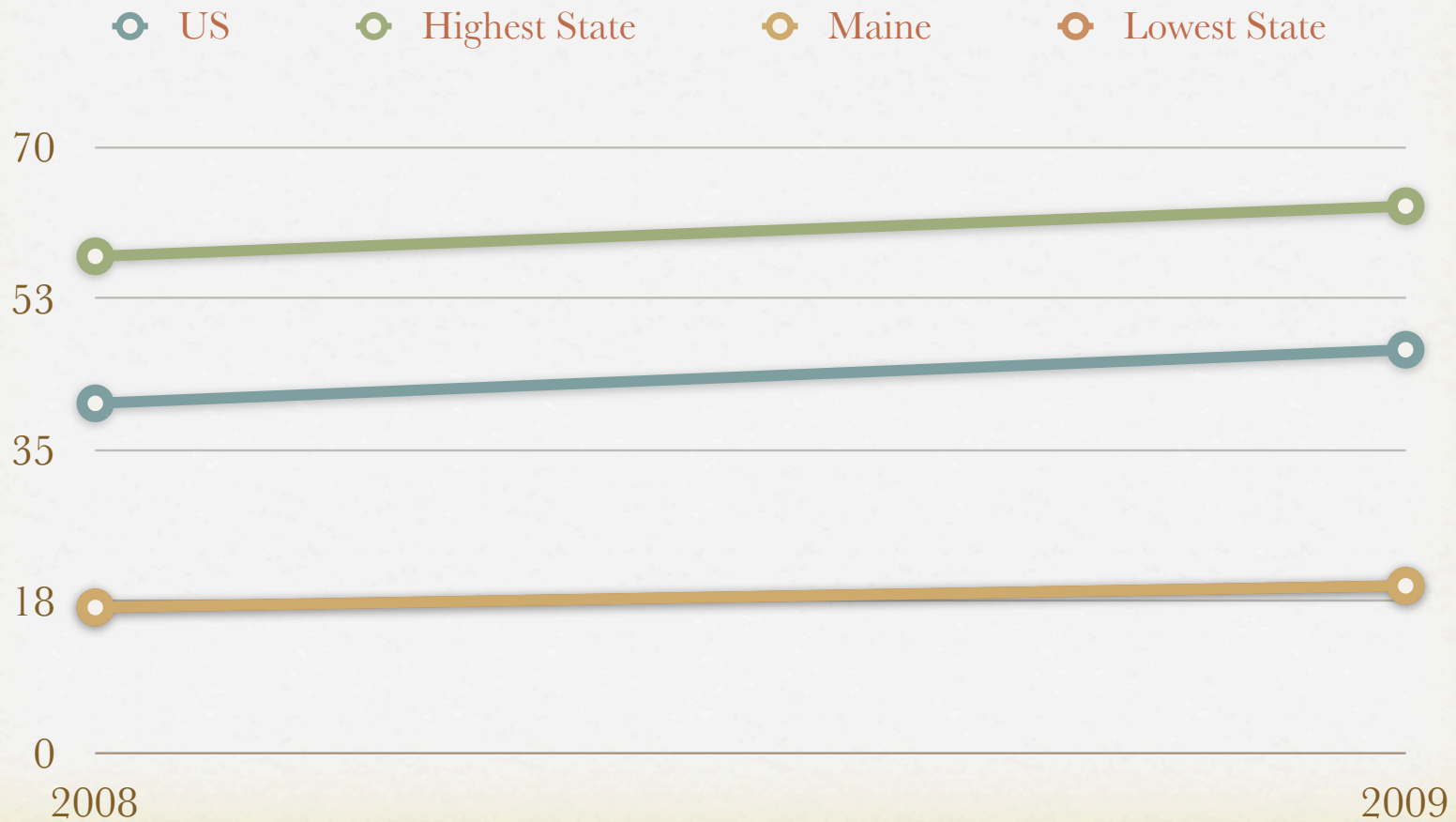
- ✱ Recommended at 12 months
- ✱ Much “catch-up” needed
- ✱ Low utilization of vaccine in Maine
- ✱ Elimination of Hep A not felt to be priority in Maine
- ✱ Very clustered, in outbreaks

# HEPATITIS A IN US



# HEP A IMMUNIZATION

CHILDHOOD RATES, NOT TEEN



# WHY ARE TEENS NOT IMMUNIZED?

- ✱ Cost
- ✱ Lack of access
- ✱ Lack of routine care
- ✱ “Missed opportunities”
- ✱ Parental fears



# SOLVING THE COST

- ✱ PL595 Passed last year, established Maine Vaccine Board
- ✱ Provides funding mechanism to immunize ALL Maine children through insurance/TPA assessments
- ✱ Vaccines to be available January 1, 2012
- ✱ Vaccines for ALL diseases recommended by ACIP
- ✱ Assessment budgeted just under \$7/PMPM (<18)

# HOW DO YOU JOIN?

- ❖ Same as current vaccine for VFC
- ❖ Will need to use ImmPact2 for ordering
- ❖ Can be simply aggregate reporting, not by dose (lose biggest benefit of registry then)
- ❖ Will need to anticipate for ordering in fourth quarter (from Maine Immunization Program and private sources)
- ❖ Unsure what insurance company will do long-term for payment for purchased vaccines

# HOW TO GET YOUR TEENS IMMUNIZED

- ❖ Do you know what your practice's rate is?
- ❖ Do you review immunization status at each visit?
- ❖ Do you have an organized reminder/recall system?

# RATES FROM IMMIMPACT2



- ✱ IF data has been put in registry, easy click to obtain rate, run reports.
- ✱ PENDING is exchange with EMR--currently have unidirectional data transfer available
- ✱ “Meaningful Use” requires data interchange with registry

# STUMBLING BLOCKS

- ✱ Is this child a patient here now?
- ✱ Are all the immunizations accurately recorded in one location?
- ✱ Were all shots given at appropriate age and interval?
- ✱ Requires resources to make it a regular occurrence
- ✱ Were all doses potent and effective?
  - Houston study of 54 fridges--24% of units froze DTaP-- correlated with increased incidence Pertussis

# WHAT ROLE DOES PARENTAL REFUSAL PLAY?

- ❖ 48 states have mandatory vaccines for school attendance--all have religious exemption
- ❖ 21 states have “philosophical” exemption (including Maine)
- ❖ Between 1991 and 2004, refusal rate in “philosophical” exemption states increased from 0.99% to 2.54%
- ❖ Wide small area variations--Washington state 6%, county rates range from 1.2% to 26.9%. One school in Ashland, OR-NO STUDENT IMMUNIZED!

# WHAT EFFECT?

- ✱ 2008--140 Cases measles (2000-2007 avg=62), imported from Switzerland, spread in unvaccinated groups (16 <1 yr, 63 not vaccinated d/t choice), 15 hospitalized, no deaths.
- ✱ California pertussis 2010--6,257 Cases, ten infant deaths. Most pertussis since 1950, highest rate since 1959!

# WHY DO PARENTS REFUSE?

- ❖ Opt out of medical system
- ❖ Distrust of pharma/government
- ❖ Concern about autism (25%)
- ❖ Other safety concerns (Thimersol, aluminum, gelatin, etc)
- ❖ “Not natural”
- ❖ Diseases are gone
- ❖ My daughter won't need HPV

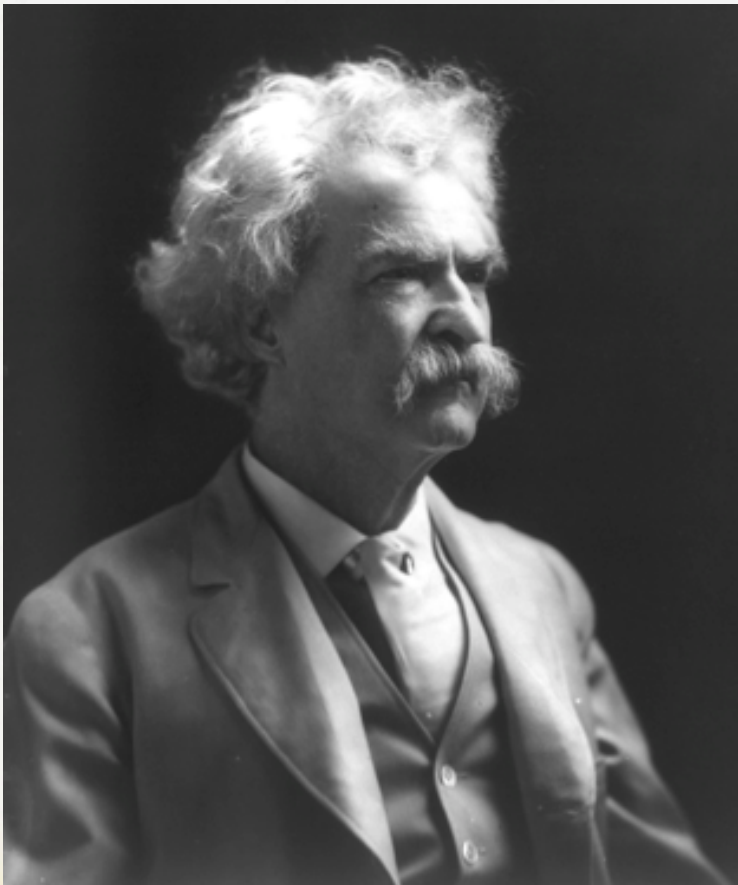


# HOW TO RESPOND

- ✧ Paternalism
- ✧ Ridicule
- ✧ Dismiss from practice
- ✧ Extra time
- ✧ Education
- ✧ Resources/Books
- ✧ Guided internet



# PUBLIC EDUCATION



- ✱ More than a century before the internet, Mark Twain said: “A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.”

# ANTI-VACCINATION

- ✱ First compulsory vaccination law--1809  
(Massachusetts)
- ✱ Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League--1866
- ✱ Smallpox vaccine contained “poison of adders, the blood, entrails, and excretions of bats, toads and suckling whelps”

# CHARGES ARE THE SAME

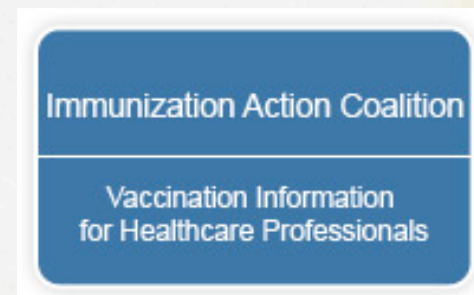
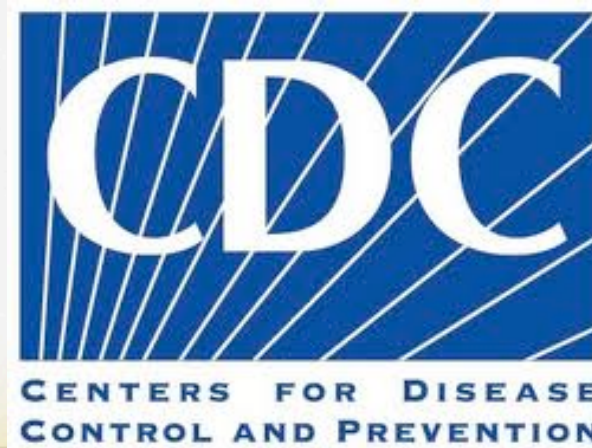
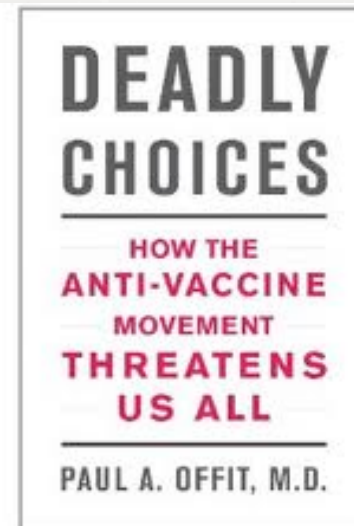
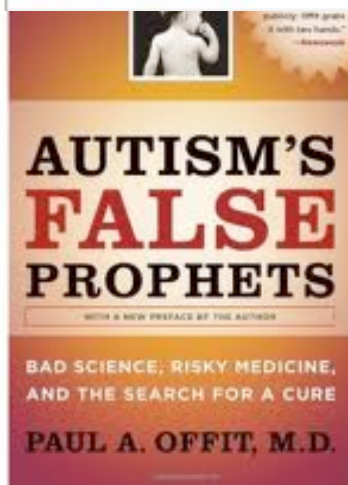
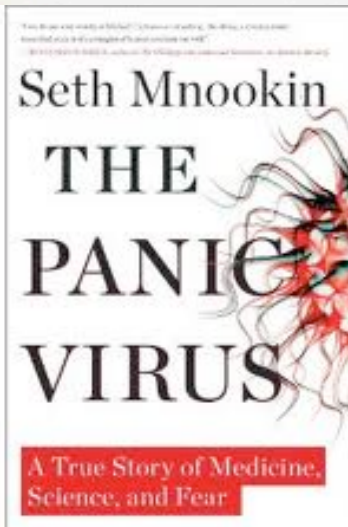
- ✱ Doctors are evil
- ✱ Public Rallies
- ✱ Paranoia
- ✱ False claims of vaccine harm
- ✱ Vaccines are unnatural
- ✱ Rejection of the germ theory
- ✱ Lure of alternative medicine
- ✱ Fear of medical advances
- ✱ Vaccines are act against God
- ✱ Rich vs poor
- ✱ Lawyers
- ✱ Marketing strategies

# WHAT SHOULD BE TAUGHT?

- ❖ Scientific Method
- ❖ Role of statistics--  
common vs. rare effects
- ❖ Facts, history of  
immunizations
- ❖ “The tragedy of the  
commons”



# RESOURCES



# CALL TO ACTION!

- ❖ Eliminate financial barrier to costly shots
- ❖ Develop office systems to identify and recall kids needing shots
- ❖ Measure your progress!
- ❖ Use every contact with healthcare system to keep shots current
- ❖ Become outspoken, expert advocate for immunizations
- ❖ Share your knowledge freely--spend your capital of respect to push for healthy kids

