

Vaccine Recipients Protected Against Group C Meningococcal Disease in United Kingdom (reported in Communicable Disease Report CDR Weekly 2000;10:133).

"Cases of serogroup C meningococcal infection in the first age groups to receive the new conjugate vaccine against the infection have fallen by about 75%, according to data from the PHLS Meningococcal Reference Unit. Babies under 1 year of age and teenagers of 15 to 17 years had been shown to be most at risk from meningococcal disease and were the first to be offered the new vaccine when it became available last November. Ten cases of group C meningococcal disease were confirmed in children under 1 year of age between weeks 2 to 11 of 2000 compared with 37 expected, and 16 rather than 70 cases were confirmed in the 15 to 17 year age group from week 49 of 1999 to week 11 of 2000...Two manufacturers are now able to supply vaccine, and all children under 18 years of age should be offered immunization by autumn 2000 before the next meningococcal season starts."