



Making the Most of Sports Physicals

Summer can be a busy time with patients coming in to get their well-child and sports physicals done for fall. Visits for sports physicals can easily be converted into an EPSDT visit by combining the areas listed on the sports physical form with the EPSDT visit requirements, based on the AHCCCS EPSDT Periodicity Schedule. By combining these visits, it will ensure that your patient's health is being followed and treatments provided in a timely manner. Eliminating the need for the patient to return for a separate EPSDT visit saves time for both provider and patient. Time should also be taken during these visits to review your patient's immunization records. Immunizations are mandatory for school attendance in Arizona. The summer months are the best time to make sure the child is in compliance with the state immunization requirements in order to beat the back to school rush. It also helps to ensure that your patient does not get excluded from school for non-compliance with state immunization requirements for school aged children.

References:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/MedicalPolicyManual/>
<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/index.php>
<https://www.aspenprojectplay.org/the-facts>



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