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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices  
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Acting Executive Secretary  
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1600 Clifton Road  
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Dear Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Members,

We are writing you to request that a recommendation for routine administration of hepatitis B vaccine for adults through age 25 be added to the *Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule – United States*. We are concerned that strategies that have been used to target vaccination of high-risk groups have not been shown to be effective way in ensuring systematic, population-based immunity. We request that you include the recommendation for routine administration of hepatitis B vaccine for adults through age 25 in the new *Hepatitis B Virus Infection ACIP* statement on page 15, under the heading “Vaccination of adults who were not previously vaccinated”.

We request that this letter be forwarded to ACIP members, liaisons, and ex-officios, and be included in the official record of the June 2005 ACIP meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 617-983-6800, or at any of the email addresses, below.

Sincerely,

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