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Dear Dr. Fine,

The Rhode Island Department of Health's Vaccine Advisory Committee met on March 28, 2014 to review the meningococcal vaccines currently available. Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott delivered a nice presentation of the vaccines Menactra, Menveo and MenHibrix. The discussion that ensued thoughtfully considered the key points of each vaccine. Specifically, we discussed vaccine logistics (serogroups, cost, recommended schedule, reconstitution needs) and eligible patient population (age, medical conditions, travel history, occupational exposure.)

Given the benefits and limitations of each vaccine, coupled with the practical and patient population needs in our practices, the Committee members recommend that the Department of Health continue to supply Menactra for the majority of our patients, and maintain a small supply of MenHibrix for the few younger patients for whom meningococcal vaccine is recommended based on travel or

medical history.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the state's healthcare system on this committee.

Sincerely,

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