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Vaccines are usually given via a hypodermic injection, but some are given through the mouth or nose. There are two main groups of vaccines: live-attenuated vaccines and inactivated vaccines.Live-attenuated vaccines: Live-attenuated basically means alive, but very weak. These vaccines are made when the virus is weakened to such a level that it reproduces only about 20 times in the body. By comparison, natural viruses reproduce thousands of times. When the vaccine is made, the virus or bacteria is weakened in a laboratory to the point where it's still alive and able to reproduce but can't cause serious illness. Its presence is enough to cause the immune system to produce antibodies to fight off the particular disease in the future. "Live-attenuated vaccines can cause very mild illness in a small proportion of people," says John Bradley, M.D. "However, these side effects are usually very mild and limited to a low-grade fever or runny nose." Dr. Bradley also notes that about 5 to 10 percent of children who receive the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine develop a few pox spots, but it's nothing compared to the full-blown illness.To weaken the virus before inoculation, scientists must isolate it through a specimen from an infected person. They then grow the virus in a test tube. They "pass" the virus into a second test tube, then a third, a fourth and so on. Scientists perform this "passage" many times – the measles virus was passed 77 times! The virus is periodically taken out of the test tube to see if it has mutated. Eventually, the virus gets so used to living in the comfortable test-tube environment that it loses its capacity to produce illness in humans. These passages are performed in a very controlled environment in exactly the same way each time. This discovery was considered the "hallelujah" of vaccine development, according to William Schaffner, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.Examples of live-attenuated vaccines are MMR (measles, mumps and rubella combination vaccine), varicella and the intranasal form of influenza.Inactivated vaccines: When inactivated vaccines are made, the bacteria is completely killed using a chemical, usually formaldehyde. Dead pieces of disease-causing microorganisms (usually bacteria) are put into the vaccine. Because the antigens are dead, the strength of these vaccines tends to wear off over time, resulting in less long-lasting immunity. So, multiple doses of inactivated vaccines are usually necessary to provide the best protection. The benefit of inactivated vaccines is that there is zero chance of developing any disease-related symptoms – allergic reactions are possible but extremely rare.Examples of inactivated vaccines are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, poliovirus, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), meningococcal, pneumococcal and the injected form of influenza.Why are some vaccines live and some dead?"The bottom line is that the decision is entirely driven by the science," says Dr. Schaffner. "If scientists can make a killed vaccine that is effective, that is what they will do. It's all about trial and error." Most viral diseases, he says, require live-attenuated vaccines, but the vast majority of bacterial illnesses are prevented with inactivated vaccines. There are some exceptions to this rule, though. For example:Some travelers to less-developed countries get the vaccine to prevent typhoid fever. There are live and killed forms of this vaccine.Rabies is a viral infection that is 100 percent fatal once it has progressed. The disease is simply too dangerous to give, even in a weakened state. Fortunately, science allowed the development of an inactivated rabies vaccine.So, what, exactly, are the ingredients of a vaccine? Other than the antigen, a couple of things have to be included in the vaccine in order for it to be effective. The requirements vary depending on the specific vaccine, but the gist is the same. There will be ingredients included to keep the vaccine safe such as aluminum salts, antibiotics, and formaldehyde. The vaccine has to be stable because it leaves the manufacturing plant, gets bounced around on trucks and so forth. Sometimes small chemicals are added to act as stabilizers so that the vaccine material remains potent. These chemicals are thoroughly regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure their safety and are usually present only in trace amounts. In multidose vials, a disinfectant is required. This is so that each time a dose is removed, any foreign matter that intrudes is killed instantly. Traditionally, Thimerosal has been the most popular among scientists. However, the industry has largely abandoned its use because of concerns that the chemical causes adverse reactions. In fact, multidose vials are being phased out in favor of single-dose vials, even though these are more expensive. Thimerosal is currently present only in trace amounts in the influenza vaccine, but that will be a thing of the past in a few years. "We would like to put the controversy behind us," says Dr. Schaffner. "None of us associated with vaccines believe there is merit to that belief, but we are going the extra hundred miles to reassure parents." Nothing causes an uproar in this country more than the sex lives of young girls: Who's doing it? And where? How many? And why? How young? And what can be done about it? There's always some crisis when it comes to women and sex. But there's rarely a solution.Enter Gardasil, the vaccine manufactured by Merck, which prevents four of the strains of HPV (human papillomavirus), associated with 70 percent of cervical cancer cases. Unfortunately for us women, HPV is another one of those infections that invariably afflict women more often than men. With 80 percent of women acquiring HPV by the time they reach 50, this vaccine seems like a no-brainer. But that's far from the case.The battle over Gardasil has become big business in this country, with Merck lobbying for mandatory vaccinations for all girls entering the sixth grade prior to even receiving approval by the FDA. The vaccine isn't cheap either. The 3-shot regimen costs \$360 and if all 50 states pass a law requiring mandatory vaccinations – that's a whole lot of money for Merck (about \$5 billion a year to be exact). Especially when Merck has a monopoly on the vaccine, at least while GlaxoSmithKline awaits approval.But whether Merck created this vaccine out of the goodness of their hearts or because they knew they could corner the market seems to be beside the point. Morals aside: Girls are dying. We can prevent it. Is there really a debate?Rick Perry, the governor of Texas, doesn't think so. He has already approved mandatory vaccinations by executive order. Whether or not it's good lobbying on Merck's part that influenced Perry's decision, or good sense on his own, a good decision was made.In the meantime, critics of the vaccine say that it should be a parent's decision whether or not to vaccinate their daughters and not the state's. These same parents say vaccinating their daughters will encourage promiscuity. On the other side are proponents of the vaccine who ask what kind of parent wouldn't want their daughters to be given a potentially lifesaving vaccine? Some have even pointed out that if the vaccine is not mandatory there will be a gap between the haves and the have-nots, with the girls whose parents are educated about the vaccine getting their daughters vaccinated, while those who are not, won't. Do we really need any more inequities in this country? In this section: Vaccines, Blood & Biologics Subscribe to Email Updates Image Vaccines, as with all products regulated by FDA, undergo a rigorous review of laboratory and clinical data to ensure the safety, efficacy, purity and potency of these products. Vaccines approved for marketing may also be required to undergo additional studies to further evaluate the vaccine and often to address specific questions about the vaccine's safety, effectiveness or possible side effects. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccines have reduced preventable infectious diseases to an all-time low and now few people experience the devastating effects of measles, pertussis and other illnesses. The Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) regulates vaccine products. Many of these are childhood vaccines that have contributed to a significant reduction of vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccine Information Vaccine Safety & Availability Counterterrorism Pandemic Pandemic Influenza Information Seasonal Information Related Information Get e-mail updates on What's New at CBER! Back to Top The same people who dreaded getting shots as children (that is, pretty much everyone) are now eagerly awaiting their chance to get stabbed by a medical professional. The reward, we hope, will be good health and the end of social distancing – rather than a lollipop from our nurse. But with essential workers, senior government officials and vulnerable individuals first in line to get their doses of the new COVID-19 vaccines, how long will it be before the average person can get inoculated? The answer is both "quite awhile" and "not as long as you might think." Pfizer (NYSE: PFE) and Moderna (NASDAQ: MRNA) planned to vaccinate 20 million Americans by the end of 2020. Unfortunately, they fell short of their goal – only about 2.8 million Americans entered the new year fully vaccinated. The New York Times reported that healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities have top priority, as well as White House staff. The estimated number of people in this category is 24 million; and the current number of Americans vaccinated is around 9 million. See: Vaccine Roll-Outs Are Expensive – But Not Vaccinating the World Would Cost \$9 Trillion Find: Will Medicare Cover the Coronavirus Vaccine? Specific timing depends on the roll-out plan by state, along with unusual supply chain issues, like how much dry ice a state has on hand to keep vaccine supplies in cold storage. For context, keep in mind that at least 21 days must pass between the first and second doses of the vaccine. I don't care who you are, who you know, or how much money you have. When it comes to the vaccine, you get in line.— Dan Rather (@DanRather) December 14, 2020 Vaccination may be available to people other than healthcare workers, depending on your state. In several states, for example, residents 65 and older are able to receive the vaccine. Other than older Americans, groups who are next in line include essential workers (first responders, retail workers, teachers) and those with underlying health conditions. Additionally, a new, single-dose vaccine is in the works from Johnson & Johnson, which could solve distribution shortcomings and vaccinate the public much more rapidly than Moderna and Pfizer's two-dose options. However, it looks like the earliest it will be available is the end of March, according to the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. Another key question is what the vaccine will cost. According to Healthline, the cost for each dose ranges from \$3 to \$37; with Pfizer's vaccine at around \$19.50 a dose, Moderna's at \$32 to \$37, Johnson & Johnson's at just \$10 and AstraZeneca's upcoming two-dose vaccine at a mere \$3 to \$4 per dose. See: Should You Invest In Vaccine Stocks Right Now? In the News: Johnson & Johnson Requests Emergency Authorization for Its Single-Dose Vaccine, Says It Can Ship Immediately Most of us will have to wait months to receive the vaccine, although it is hoped that any amount of vaccination will reduce the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, though, the general public shouldn't expect to get vaccinated until the spring or early summer; potentially later, if distribution remains an issue in your state. More From GOBankingRates Last updated: Feb. 23, 2021 How much does the COVID-19 vaccine cost, you ask? Well, although government and health officials have been working to spread the message far and wide, there continues to be some confusion about the new vaccine's accessibility and pricing in the United States—and whether insurance covers it. So, let's clear things up. Whether you're insured or uninsured, the out-of-pocket fee for vaccination is exactly the same: zero. The vaccine is free, for everyone; the federal government is footing the bill for all those who live in the United States. And for good reason, Sanjiv Shah, MD and chief medical officer for MetroPlus Health, tells Health: "I think for the foreseeable future this vaccine will be provided free of charge because of the virus' impact on everyone," says Shah. "We don't want price to be a barrier. We're striving toward herd immunity, and the only way to achieve that is to make sure everyone gets vaccinated." How Much Does the COVID Vaccine Cost? , Will My Health Insurance Cover the New COVID-19 Vaccine? There's currently two FDA-approved vaccines available in the United States, produced by Pfizer and Moderna, and to date some 66,464,947 doses have been administered, according to the latest figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Still, questions persist about whether there will be any unexpected costs associated with the vaccination process. Insured, uninsured—it's all the same The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has spelled out for providers and insurers that vaccines must be given regardless of an individual's ability to pay—or their health insurance coverage status. The CMS also specified that providers may not seek any type of reimbursement from individuals such as co-pays or balance billing. In other words, there should be no cost share, no deductible, and no charge of any kind that you're asked to pay, says Shah. Vaccines must be given regardless of an individual's ability to pay—or their health insurance coverage status. "Occasionally certain localities may ask if you have insurance, but that's not to cover the cost of the vaccine," says Shah. "They may ask because they're going to bill your insurance carrier for administration of the vaccine." The cost of vaccine administration—in other words, the cost of providing the staff to inject the dose in your arm and conduct public health reporting—has been the source of at least a few billing hiccups or questions. Some vaccine providers may charge the patient an administration fee, but even that cost is supposed to be covered by your insurance company or, in the case of those who are uninsured, by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund. "There's always a wrinkle here and there, but right now the rule is that the vaccine and its delivery is to be covered." Kim Buckey, vice president of client services for DirectPath, a company that helps employees make health care decisions, tells Health. Those who receive a bill for vaccine administration should file a reimbursement claim with their health insurance company, says Bucky. If you don't have health insurance, reach out to the provider who administered the vaccination to discuss the charge and potential resolution. "What's supposed to happen is the provider is supposed to file a claim with the government agency administering reimbursement," says Buckey. "But it is always possible that a provider could charge you. For that reason, it's always a good idea to call a provider before you get the shot, so you understand what the rules will be." Affordable Care Act loophole Under the Affordable Care Act, insurers are required to cover the cost of any COVID-19 vaccine recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). But therein lies a loophole: millions of Americans have health insurance plans that existed before the Affordable Care Act was enacted. These plans, often referred to as "grandfathered" health plans, are exempt from following ACA rules and thus not required to fully cover costs associated with COVID-19 vaccination, analyst Michael Giusti of InsuranceQuotes, explains to Health. Short-term plans and Farm Bureau plans are also exempt from ACA rules. "The question mark comes in when someone has a plan that's not regulated," says Giusti. "In some cases, states are requiring those plans to cover the costs of the shot, but others may not." Even here, however, the cost should still not be paid by the patient, Giusti explains, because those with grandfathered health plans are exempt from being considered uninsured for the purposes of COVID-19 vaccination—and as already noted, the uninsured have equal access to free vaccine doses. "So, it still wouldn't come out of pocket," says Giusti. But the American health care system is nothing if not complex, and it always pays to do your research and ask questions ahead of time, Giusti adds. "There could be a scenario where you went to a pharmacy to get the vaccine or to a private provider, not knowing you have a grandfathered health insurance plan, and later the charge for the vaccine is declined by your insurance," he explains. "We've all had those kinds of bills show up after the fact." If you're on the receiving end of such a bill, don't automatically assume you're on the hook for the vaccination charges. Instead, "reach out to the provider who administered the vaccine and ask that they file a claim with the Provider Relief Fund," recommends Giusti.

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