Vaccine card incorrect for single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. When a hospital received its first shipment of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine, the accompanying supplies included COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards that reference a two-dose vaccine series (Figure 1). The cards have the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) logos in the upper right corner. All vaccination sites receive these cards with the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines, which require two doses. The front of the card provides space to document the product name, manufacturer, and lot number of both the first and second vaccine doses. The back of the card includes a reminder to return for a second dose, which appears in both English and Spanish. Since the Janssen vaccine is only a single-dose vaccine, this may cause confusion and lead patients to seek an unnecessary second dose.

![COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card](image1)

![Reminder! Return for a second dose!](image2)

Figure 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Cards accompanying the Janssen single-dose vaccine incorrectly call for two doses (front of card, top) and advises patients to return for a second dose (back of card, bottom).

The hospital submitted an inquiry to the CDC and so did ISMP. The CDC noted that it is not presently considering an update to the card for the Janssen vaccine. The hospital is now affixing labels on the cards for use with the Janssen vaccine to note that a second dose is not required (Figure 2). They also cover the statement on the back of the card about returning for a second dose.
Figure 2. One hospital affixes a label to each card handed to patients who receive the Janssen single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, indicating that only a single dose is needed.

Practitioners should educate patients receiving the Janssen vaccine, emphasizing that a second dose is not needed. This is reinforced in the Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers, which should be given to the vaccine recipient. This is similar to guidance that is recommended when a subsequent vaccine dose is not needed. For example, state vaccination record cards often include spaces for the dates of 4 doses of the Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) vaccine, but the child may only need 3 doses based on the age the doses were given or the product administered.

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