



The End Stage
Renal Disease
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Hepatitis B Vaccine Shortage: You may need to consider a different brand:

In December 2008, Merck communicated with CDC that it expected to deplete available adult and dialysis formulations of their hepatitis B vaccine, Recombivax HB® in the first quarter of 2009. Once depleted, these formulations will be unavailable for the remainder of 2009.

Supply of GSK's Adult hepatitis B vaccine (Adult Engerix-B®) and Adult hepatitis A/hepatitis B combination vaccine (Twinrix®) is sufficient to meet demand for routine adult usage of this vaccine as well as CDC's ongoing High Risk Adult Hepatitis B Initiative.

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