

IMMUNISATION CHANGES FROM 1 JANUARY 2016

Information for NSW GPs and Aboriginal Medical Services

Please distribute this information to all doctors and staff in your practice

1. From 1 January 2016, the Commonwealth is making free catch-up vaccine available for children under 10 years of age (ongoing) and persons aged 10-19 years (until 31 December 2017). (See attached).
2. Catch-up vaccinations for people less than 20 years of age should be notified to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).
3. An interim NSW vaccination objection form will shortly be available for parents who object to vaccination and wish to enrol their child in child care (see website).

- The Commonwealth has announced a number of changes under the *No Jab, No Pay* measure to take effect from 1 January 2016.
- Parents who do not fully immunise their children less than 20 years of age will no longer be eligible for family assistance payments. The only exemptions to these changes are children with medical contraindications or natural immunity for certain diseases and those on a recognised catch-up schedule.
- To support these changes:
 - free catch-up vaccine will be available for children under 10 years of age (ongoing) and persons aged 10-19 years (until 31 December 2017). You will be able to order catch-up vaccines on the online vaccine ordering website in early 2016.
 - the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is being expanded to include persons less than 20 years of age (currently up to 7 years of age)
 - conscientious objection will no longer be a valid exemption from these immunisation requirements and the Commonwealth conscientious objection form will be deleted.
- As vaccination objection is a valid exemption for enrolment in child care under the *NSW Public Health Act 2010*, an interim NSW vaccination objection form for enrolment in NSW child care centres has been developed for use in 2016. The form must be completed and co-signed by the GP and the parent and a copy given to the child care centre where they wish to enrol their child.
- The NSW vaccination objection form and NSW catch up vaccination schedule will be available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation under the 'Alerts' section.
- These changes will be discussed at the RACGP Twilight online webinar scheduled for Wednesday 10 February 2016.

Yours sincerely



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NSW primary vaccination catch up schedule for children 10 to 19 years

(From 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017 only)



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Antigen	Commonwealth Funded Vaccines		Doses required	Important considerations	Minimum interval	
					between dose 1 and 2	between dose 2 and 3
dT (diphtheria, tetanus)	ADT Booster	Mass Biologics DT	It is recommended that a primary course consist of 1 dose of either dTpa (or dTpa-IPV if poliomyelitis vaccination is also needed) followed by 2 dT doses		The minimum interval between doses of dT-containing vaccines is 4 weeks	
dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis)	Boostrix	Adacel				
dTpa-IPV (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, inactivated polio)	Boostrix-IPV	Adacel Polio				
Poliomyelitis (IPV)	IPOL		3 doses	-	4 weeks	4 weeks
Hepatitis B (paediatric formulation)	HB Vax II (0.5ml) (paed)	Engerix B (0.5ml) (paed)	3 doses	Aged 10-19 years	1 month	2 months The minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 3 is 4 months
Hepatitis B (adult formulation)	HB Vax II (1ml)	Engerix B (1ml)	2 doses	Aged 11-15 years only	4 months	-
MMR	Priorix	MMR II	2 doses	-	4 weeks	-
MMRV	Priorix Tetra	ProQuad	1 dose	Not licensed for use in persons aged 14 years or over	-	-
Varicella	Varilrix	Varivax	At least 1 dose	Aged under 14 years	4 weeks	-
			2 doses	Aged 14 years or over	4 weeks	
Meningococcal C	NeisVac C		1 dose	-	-	-