

National Immunisation Program

Victorian Pathway

Effective 1st November 2005

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brands <small>Current as at 1 November 2005</small>	Dose	Comments
Birth	Hepatitis B	HB VaxII Paed	Birth	Funded until Day 7 after birth.
2 months	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b/Hepatitis B Pneumococcal	Infanrix-IPV Comvax Prevenar	1 1 1	Give all vaccines due. Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation.
4 months	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b/Hepatitis B Pneumococcal	Infanrix-IPV Comvax Prevenar	2 2 2	Give all vaccines due. Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation.
6 months	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio Pneumococcal	Infanrix-IPV Prevenar	3 3	Give all vaccines due. Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation.
12 months	Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b/Hepatitis B Meningococcal C	Priorix Comvax NeisVac-C	1 3 1	Give all vaccines due. Remind of need for varicella at 18 mths Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation.
18 months	Varicella (chickenpox)	Varilrix	1	If no history of chickenpox illness and no previous vaccination.
4 years	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	Infanrix-IPV Priorix	4 2	
School Year 7	Hepatitis B Varicella (chickenpox)	Adult HB Vax II Varilrix		Hep B: 2 doses 4-6 months apart if no previous vaccination. Varilrix: if no history of chickenpox illness and no previous vaccination.
School Year 10	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	Boostrix		
Pregnancy planning or post-partum	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis Varicella (chickenpox) Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) Influenza	Boostrix* Varilrix*/Varivax* Priorix Influenza*		See comments over page.
>50 Years	Diphtheria/Tetanus or Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	ADT or Boostrix*		Boostrix not funded but it is preferable to include pertussis protection.
>50 years (ATSI)	Influenza Pneumococcal	Influenza Pneumovax 23		
>65 years	Influenza Pneumococcal	Influenza Pneumovax 23		Flu vaccine each year in this age group. Pneumovax 23 initial dose, then single booster 5 years later. (See Handbook page 225 for variations).

* Vaccines marked with an asterisk are recommended but not funded

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See over for important notes

Pregnancy planning or post-partum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boostrix* should be offered on user-pays basis to both parents during pre-pregnancy planning or as soon as possible after delivery (if vaccinees have had a full primary course of DT). • Discuss need for varicella (chickenpox)* vaccine prior to pregnancy if negative serology due to no previous history of varicella illness or vaccine. • MMR (Priorix) should be offered to all those born after 1966 who do not have evidence of 2 doses of MMR. • Influenza* vaccine should be offered on user-pays basis (see page 173, 8th Edition, Australian Immunisation Handbook.) • Recommended interval for avoidance of pregnancy post-MMR or Varicella vaccine is 28 days. • For other vaccines, refer 8th Edition Australian Immunisation Handbook, Section 2.3 Vaccination during pregnancy.
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Observe the following at every vaccination encounter:

- Identify any special-risk group e.g. immunocompromised; asplenia, diabetes.
- Identify due vaccines.
- Identify any catch-up vaccines required. (Refer to 8th Edition Australian Immunisation Handbook, Section 1.9 pp.42-53 noting funded Prevenar catch up ceases 31st December 2005.)
- Determine and document sites for multiple vaccinations.
- Ensure information has been provided to allow informed consent including risks vs. benefits of vaccine vs. disease (e.g. DHS Handout, back of 8th Edition Handbook or 'Understanding Childhood Immunisation') and record parent choices in medical records.

Childhood boosters:

- Preterm babies: At 6 months of age give Hep B booster if gestation period <32 weeks or Comvax if <28weeks (Refer to 8th Edition Handbook, Section 3.9 page 151 re preterm babies.)
- 12-month booster of Prevenar for 'at risk groups' (Refer to 8th Edition Handbook, Section 3.18 for identification of 'at risk' groups.)
- 4-5 years booster of Pneumovax 23 for 'at risk groups' (Refer to 8th Edition Handbook, Section 3.18 for identification of 'at risk' groups.)

Resources:

- For a copy of the 8th Edition Australian Immunisation Handbook contact the Division of General Practice or go to <http://immunise.health.gov.au/handbook.htm>.
- All vaccines administered to children under 7 years of age should be notified to ACIR. If the vaccine is not listed on the form, record in 'other' box.
- For interpreter services, all GPs are able to access a telephone interpreting service by calling the Doctor's Priority Line on 1300 131 450, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, for the cost of a local call. A Medicare provider number is required.
- For Royal Children's Hospital Immunisation Service, phone 9345 6599.
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