

Sunshine Coast Public Health Unit Immunisation Update

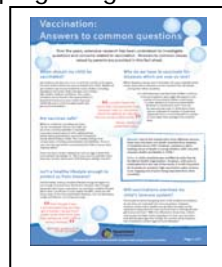


Immunisation Resources

Many resources are now available from the Queensland Health Immunisation Website at: www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation

'Pamphlets and posters' recently available:

- Immunisation is Important for Children (leaflet)
- Vaccination: Answers to Common Questions
- Vaccination: Deciding to Vaccinate
- Vaccination: Doing further research
- Your Baby Can Catch Whooping Cough From You (A4 poster)
- Your Baby Can Catch Whooping Cough From You (info leaflet)



To download www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation then click on 'Factsheets and Publications' then click on 'Pamphlets and posters'

The brochure 'Immunisation is Important for Children' can be ordered from Queensland Publications **Tel: 3234 0842**

A small booklet - 'Vaccination: Answering your Questions' is a collection of all the available information in the vaccination leaflets and can be useful where parents are questioning vaccination. The booklet can be ordered from QHIP **Tel: 3328 9888**

Data and Vaccination Histories

Jenny Medley, VIVAS Data Officer has joined the Sunshine Coast Public Health Team. Many of you will know Jenny from when she was based in Brisbane. To contact Jenny for vaccination histories and other data-related issues **Tel: 5409 6621**

Updating of software packages

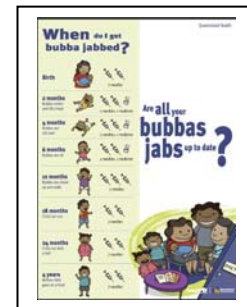
Companies differ slightly in the timing of updating of software packages to include Prevenar 13[®]. Best Practice updated their software in the July update. Medical Director 3 update will not be available until November.

Catch-up vaccination

Have you tried using the on-line Catch-up Calculator to help work out catch-up programs for children vaccinated in Australia, it's available at: www.health.sa.gov.au/immunisationcalculator refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Ed p 22. Contact the Public Health Unit for assistance with complex or complicated overseas catch-ups.

Bubba Jabs (A4 leaflet) contains vaccination information and childhood schedule for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in a 'user friendly' format

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation/documents/bubba-jabbed.pdf>



Timeliness of vaccination

Delaying vaccination places infants at unnecessary risk of contracting vaccine preventable diseases

Children who are delayed in receiving vaccination at any stage often take much longer to complete the infant schedule. Did you know an infant requires 3 doses of Infanrix-Hexa to obtain a protective antibody level against pertussis? Please encourage parents to vaccinate their infant on time. Timely vaccination prevents exposing the infant to the unnecessary risk of contracting a disease, avoids complex catch-up schedules and prevents parent frustration when Centrelink payments and child care are impacted.

A healthy infant's immune system can easily cope with all of the scheduled vaccines.

Some False Contraindications to vaccination

- Mild illness without fever ($T < 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$)
 - Treatment with antibiotics
 - Asthma, eczema, atopy, hay fever or 'snuffles'
 - Prematurity (vaccination is not postponed and age is not corrected)
- For further information refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Ed P21.



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