

Immunisation Update

Please pass this information on to Practice Nurses and other vaccine service providers in your practice

Pneumovax 23[®] updated revaccination recommendations from TGA

In April 2011 TGA suspended administration of a second or subsequent dose/doses of Pneumovax 23[®] vaccine pending the outcome of a review which has now been completed. Full details on the Immunise Australia website or via the link below:

<http://www.tga.gov.au/safety/alerts-medicine-pneumovax-111223.htm>

Revaccination with Pneumovax 23[®] for people 15 years and older

| First dose Pneumovax 23 [®] given to: | Second dose of Pneumovax 23 [®] | Third dose of Pneumovax 23 [®] |
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| Non-Indigenous adults | | |
| Non-Indigenous adults 65 years or older with no underlying chronic medical conditions who are non-smokers | No Note change: a second dose was previously recommended | No |
| Non-Indigenous adults 65 years or older with *underlying chronic medical conditions or smoker | Give 5 years after the 1st dose | No |
| Non-Indigenous adults under 65 years with *underlying chronic medical conditions or smoker | Give 5 years after the 1st dose | Give 5 years after 2 nd dose or at 65 years of age, whichever is later |
| Indigenous adults | | |
| Indigenous adults aged 50 year or older | Give 5 years after the 1st dose | No |
| Indigenous adults under 50 years with *underlying chronic medical conditions or smoker | Give 5 years after the 1st dose | Give 5 years after 2 nd dose or at 50 years of age, whichever is later |
| Asplenic individuals | | |
| Asplenic individuals | Give 5 years after the 1st dose | Give 5 years after 2 nd dose or at Indigenous: 50 years of age Non-Indigenous: 65 years of age, whichever is later |

* Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th edition, pages 246 and 247 for a list of underlying medical conditions that predispose to Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IPD)