



**National Immunisation Program**  
**Victorian Pathway**  
**Effective 1 November 2005**

AGE	DISEASES	VACCINE BRANDS Current as at 1 November 2005	Comments
Birth	Hepatitis B	HB VaxII Paediatric	Funded until Day 7 after birth
2 months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio Hepatitis B/Haemophilus influenzae type b Pneumococcal	Infanrix IPV Comvax  Prevenar	Give all vaccines due Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation
4 months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio Hepatitis B/Haemophilus influenzae type b Pneumococcal	Infanrix IPV Comvax  Prevenar	Give all vaccines due Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation
6 months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio Pneumococcal	Infanrix IPV Prevenar	Give all vaccines due Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation
12 months	Measles, Mumps, Rubella Hepatitis B/Haemophilus influenzae type b Meningococcal C	Priorix Comvax  NeisVac-C	Give all vaccines due Remind of need for varicella at 18 months. Set recall or make appointment for next immunisation
18 months	Varicella	Varilrix	If no history of chickenpox illness & no previous vaccination.
4 years	DTPa Polio Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Infanrix IPV Priorix	Re catch-up for Varicella for non-immune children beyond 18 months. If presenting at this schedule, VZV is recommended, <b>but not funded.</b>
School Year 7	Hepatitis B Varicella	Adult HB Vax II  Varilrix	2 doses 4-6 months apart. If no history of chickenpox illness & no previous vaccination.
School Year 10	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Boostrix	
Pregnancy planning or post-partum	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Varicella Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Priorix Boostrix* Varilrix/Varivax*	* <i>not funded</i> See comments over page
>50 Years	Diphtheria/Tetanus Pertussis*	ADT Boostrix*	* <i>not funded but preferable to include Pertussis protection.</i>
>50 years (ATSI)	Influenza Pneumococcal	Influenza Pneumococcal 23	
>65 years	Influenza Pneumococcal	Influenza Pneumococcal 23	

**\*\* Check notes on back page**

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**Notes\*\***

<b>Pregnancy planning or post-partum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boostrix*</b> should be offered on user-pays basis to both parents during pre-pregnancy planning or as soon as possible after delivery</li> <li>• Discuss need for <b>varicella*</b> vaccine prior to pregnancy if negative serology due to no previous history of varicella illness or vaccine</li> <li>• <b>MMR*</b> should be offered to all those born after 1966 who do not have evidence of 2 doses of MMR;</li> <li>• <b>Influenza*</b> vaccine should be offered, refer page 173, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Australian Immunisation Handbook</li> <li>• Recommended interval for avoidance of pregnancy post-MMR or Varicella vaccine has been reduced to 28 days</li> <li>• For other vaccines, refer to 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Australian Immunisation Handbook, Section 2.3 Vaccination during pregnancy</li> </ul>
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\* *not funded*

**Observe the following at every vaccination encounter:**

- Identify any **special-risk group** - e.g. immuno-compromised; asplenia, diabetes.
- Identify **due vaccines**.
- Identify any **catch-up vaccines** required. Refer to 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Handbook, Section 1.9 pp.42-53 noting **funded Prevenar catch up ceases 31 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 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Handbook or "Understanding Childhood Immunisation") and record parent choices in medical records*

**Additional important notes:**

- For a copy of the 8th Edition Immunisation Handbook go to <http://immunise.health.gov.au/handbook.htm>
- All vaccines administered to children less than 7 years of age should be notified to ACIR, if not listed on the form, record in "Other" box.
- For interpreter services, all General Practitioners 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.
- Royal Children's Hospital Immunisation Service, phone **(03) 9345 6599**.
- For further information, contact Department of Human Services on **1300 882 008**
- or North East Valley Division of General Practice on **9496 4333**