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Australian Childhood Immunisation Register national coverage summary

ACIR coverage reports are produced at the end of each calendar quarter for children registered with Medicare who are aged between 12–15 months, 24–27 months and 72–75 months. ACIR coverage is not the same as the General Practice Immunisation Incentive (GPII) coverage which uses different algorithms to assess a child's immunisation status.

Coverage percentages as at 30 September 2004.

Cohort 1—children aged between 12–15 months, born between 1 April 2003 and 30 June 2003.

Cohort 2—children aged between 24–27 months, born between 1 April 2002 and 30 June 2002.

Cohort 3—children aged between 72–75 months, born between 1 April 1998 and 30 June 1998.

	ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	AUS
Cohort 1	93.4	91.2	91.7	91.7	91.7	88.8	92.4	90.4	91.3
Cohort 2	92.7	91.8	93.1	92.3	93.0	90.6	93.8	93.8	92.3
Cohort 3	83.8	83.1	85.7	83.7	83.8	80.1	83.4	82.7	83.6

Full coverage details at a vaccine level are available at www.hic.gov.au/acir under the heading statistics. These figures will be updated quarterly.

Immunisation History Statements

In October 2000, the ACIR began producing Immunisation History Statements to help parents and guardians to keep track of their children's vaccinations. A statement is generated when a child turns one, two and five years of age, or upon request, and displays the immunisation details recorded for the child on the ACIR, as well as any immunisations that may be missing. The ACIR produces around one million statements each year.



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After consultation with the ACIR Management Committee, the National Immunisation Committee and the Department of Health and Ageing, Health Insurance Commission (HIC) began the process of making enhancements to the Immunisation History Statement so that it could be used as proof of immunisation for school entry in NSW, Victoria and the ACT. Legislative provisions in these areas previously required a regulated school entry certificate to be completed for school enrolment purposes. The enhancement of the Immunisation History Statement allows parents to satisfy these requirements without the need to ask their doctor or immunisation provider to complete an additional form.

Where the ACIR has received notification of the necessary immunisation details, Immunisation History Statements now include a sentence indicating that the child has received all vaccinations required by five years of age. This function aids both parents and immunisation providers in the process of checking a child's immunisation status for school entry.

If parents and guardians require additional statements for their child, they can request one at any time by contacting the ACIR on 1800 653 809, or by visiting HIC's internet site at www.hic.gov.au. The statement will be mailed to the child's most recent address recorded on the ACIR.

9th National Immunisation/1st PHAA Asia Pacific Vaccine Preventable Diseases Conference—August 2004

The ACIR and the GP11 Scheme were represented as trade exhibitors at the 9th National Immunisation Conference. Approximately 500 delegates attended the conference from all across Australia, as well as the Asia Pacific region, representing state health departments, councils, Public Health Units, Community Health, Divisions of General Practice, general practitioners, nurses and other immunisation professionals.



Delegates were very informed about both ACIR and GP11 and sought the opportunity to speak to the program representatives to clarify questions or to seek further information about the existing ACIR and GP11 resources. Copies of the new ACIR Stationery were on display (including the Immunisation History form and Encounter forms).

A raffle was also conducted for a large Sabin bear, the ACIR mascot. The winning ticket was drawn on the Friday afternoon, and the Sabin bear was presented to Rhonda Duncan, an Aboriginal Health Service worker from Mackay. Rhonda was delighted to win the bear.

New ACIR Stationery Forms

In April 2004, ACIR updated the Encounter form (IMMU-2) and History form (IMMU-13). The 2004 watermark Encounter form has been updated to include all three brands of meningococcal C vaccine, as well as including the pneumococcal vaccines. The form also includes two 'other' boxes for non-standard vaccines. The History form has been updated to now include a column to indicate if the relevant vaccine(s) were administered overseas.

All providers who send data directly to the ACIR can order the Encounter forms and History forms via the ACIR Stationery re-order form. Providers in Queensland and Northern Territory who send data via their state/territory health department can order the History forms via the ACIR Stationery re-order form. A copy of the Stationery re-order form is included in this newsletter, and is available at www.hic.gov.au/acir under the heading forms.



Stationery re-order form

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Delivery address (PO Box not acceptable for courier delivery)

Name of person placing the order (or contact person)	Contact phone number ()	Facsimile number ()
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Signature	Date / /
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IMMUNISATION ENCOUNTER HEADER FORM	IMMU-1	30	151	
IMMUNISATION ENCOUNTER FORM	IMMU-2	60	152	
ENVELOPE	ENV-3	30	153	
IMMUNISATION HISTORY FORM	IMMU-13	10	182	
MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION FORM	IMMU-11	6	183	
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION FORM	IMMU-12	6	184	
POSTER	POST-1	1	186	

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