

Immunisation Network Newsletter

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National ACIR coverage percentages as at 31 December 2004

Cohort 1—children aged between 12-15 months, born between 1 July 2003 and 30 September 2003.

Cohort 2—children aged between 24-27 months, born between 1 July 2002 and 30 September 2002.

Cohort 3—children aged between 72-75 months, born between 1 July 1998 and 30 September 1998.

	ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	AUS
Cohort 1	92.8	90.7	91.3	91.4	91.0	91.7	93.0	89.7	91.2
Cohort 2	92.0	91.1	92.6	91.6	93.3	89.8	92.9	93.8	91.7
Cohort 3	87.2	83.7	85.7	81.6	84.3	80.6	83.4	86.7	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.

National Childhood Pneumococcal Vaccination Program

The Australian Government introduced a National Childhood Pneumococcal Vaccination Program that commenced on 1 January 2005. This program has been added to the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and provides free pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for all children born from 1 January 2005.

Children born on or after 1 January 2005 will follow the 2005 NIP, which means that they will require an additional vaccination at 2, 4 and 6 months of age. This extra vaccination is Prevenar®, currently the only conjugate pneumococcal vaccine available to protect children against Pneumococcal disease.

New due and overdue rules will be applied to these children for this vaccination. A copy of the 'National Due and Overdue Rules for children born from 1 January 2005' is available from www.hic.gov.au/acir under the publications and guides section.



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The National Childhood Pneumococcal Vaccination Program also includes a catch-up component during 2005 for children born 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2005. These children are eligible for free catch-up vaccination during 2005.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing is currently reviewing the date as to when Prevenar® will be added to the following assessment processes :

- completed schedule for either the Information Payment or Service Incentive Payment;
- the Child Care Benefit or Maternity Immunisation Allowance;
- the GPII Coverage Calculation; and
- the national ACIR coverage.

ACIR Secure Site

The Identify Child and Record Encounter facilities on the ACIR secure site are currently being enhanced. Changes are being made in response to customer feedback, and will include the provision to record new vaccines. The ability to record vaccinations administered overseas will also be introduced.

A user guide will be made available prior to implementation on www.hic.gov.au/acir under the publications and guides section.

Immunisation History Statements

ACIR produces 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 children on the ACIR, as well as any immunisations that may be missing.

The Immunisation History Statement has been enhanced so that it can be used as proof of immunisation for school entry purposes in NSW, ACT and Victoria. 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.

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.

A sample of the Immunisation History Statement follows.



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MRS S CITIZEN
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TUGGERANONG ACT 2900

Immunisation History Statement

Child's Name: JOHN CITIZEN
Date of Birth: 09/06/2000



The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register provides parents and guardians with a record of childhood immunisations. Your child's immunisation statement is on the back of this letter. You may find it useful to keep the statement as a record of their immunisations.

This statement can also be used when proof of immunisation is required. For example:

- Where a sentence is included stating that your child has received all vaccinations required by five years of age, the statement can be used as proof of immunisation when enrolling your child in school, as required in ACT, NSW and Victoria.
- Where the immunisation status for the Family Assistance Office is shown as up-to-date, the statement can help with eligibility for the Child Care Benefit and Maternity Immunisation Allowance.

Please take the time to check the statement to see if your child's immunisation details are up-to-date. If there is an immunisation missing on the statement, it may simply be that this letter was sent before your child's doctor or immunisation provider forwarded the details to the Immunisation Register.

If you have any questions about the Immunisation Register or this statement, please call us on 1800 653 809. To request a new immunisation history statement for your child at any time, please telephone or visit our web site at www.hic.gov.au.

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Register

Immunisation History Statement



For John Citizen

Date of Birth 09/06/2000

Immunisation Status Up to Date

As at 14/07/2004

Schedule	Immunisation	Date Given	Brand Name Given	Provider Type
2 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B Hib Polio	04/08/2000	InfanrixHepB PedvaxHIB Polio Sabin (Oral)	Public Hospital
4 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B Hib Polio	06/10/2000	InfanrixHepB PedvaxHIB Polio Sabin (Oral)	Health Centre
6 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Polio	20/12/2000	Infanrix Polio Sabin (Oral)	GP
12 months	Measles Mumps Rubella Hib Hepatitis B	12/06/2001	Priorix Comvax	GP
18 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	28/12/2001	Infanrix	Health Centre
4 years	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Polio Measles Mumps Rubella	09/07/2004	Tripacel Polio Sabin (Oral) MMRII	Health Centre
Other	Meningococcal C	16/02/2004	Menjugate	GP

Disease(s) to be covered	Date Due

This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.

Immunisation Status for Family Assistance Office: Up to date