

National Immunisation News

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Concern over vaccine uptakes for the 12 and 13 months visits

Uptake figures for children aged 24 months of age indicate that a number of children are not receiving their third dose of Men C vaccine and Hib booster at 13 months of age.

Children are **NOT** fully protected against most causes of meningitis after their 6 month injections. **TWO** more visits at 12 and 13 months of age are needed.

Age	Vaccines
12 months	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine + PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)
13 months	Men C (Meningococcal C) vaccine + Hib (Haemophilus influenza b) vaccine

Please highlight this to parents and stress the importance of **ALL** the vaccines being given at the correct ages.

- If possible give an appointment for the 5th visit at the end of the 4th visit.
- Follow up any defaulters as soon as possible.



Uptake statistics are available to download from www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/VaccinePreventable/Vaccination/ImmunisationUptakeStatistics/

Frequently Asked Questions are available to download from www.immunisation.ie/en/HealthcareProfessionals/HealthcareFAQs/

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Guidelines



The HSE has added PCV 13 to its routine programme for all children born on or after 1st October 2010. The Pneumococcal chapter (NIAC Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland) has been updated. This chapter is available to download from the following link www.immunisation.ie/en/HealthcareProfessionals/ImmunisationGuidelines2008/

The National Cochlear Implant Programme has asked us to remind you that children undergoing cochlear implants are at increased risk of pneumococcal infection. Guidance on pneumococcal vaccines and other vaccines that these children require is available to download from www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/VaccinePreventable/PneumococcalDisease/Factsheets/

Vaccine Reconstitution

Some vaccines need to be reconstituted such as 6 in 1, Hib, Menjugate and MMR.

This involves transferring the liquid from the syringe into the accompanying vial and drawing the reconstituted vaccine back into the syringe.



Always record the batch number from the box NOT the batch number on the vials

Vaccine Returns Service



The HSE provides a free vaccine return service.

PLEASE PLACE EXPIRED VACCINES IN A BOX WITH A COMPLETED RETURNS FORM READY FOR THE COLD CHAIN DRIVER TO COLLECT.

Please do not return your flu vaccines for this season (2010-2011) yet.

We will contact you when it is time to return any unused flu vaccine.

Current Vaccines List Updated February 2011

Primary Childhood Vaccines

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
6 in 1	INFANRIX HEXA	GSK	10
Men C	MENINGITEC	Pfizer	10
Men C	MENJUGATE	Novartis	1
PCV	PREVENAR 13	Pfizer	10
MMR	PRIORIX	GSK	10
MMR	MMR Vax Pro	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Hib	HIBERIX	GSK	1
Hib	Act-Hib	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	INFANRIX-IPV	GSK	1

Adult Vaccines

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
Td	DITE BOOSTER	SSI	5
Influenza	INACTIVATED INFLUENZA VACCINE (Split Virion) BP	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	10
	INFLUVAC	Abbott	10
Pneumococcal	PNEUMOVAX 11	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

Vaccines Used By HSE

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
BCG	BCG	SSI	5
Tuberculin	TUBERCULIN 2 TU	SSI	10
4 in 1	TETRAVAC	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
4 in 1	INFANRIX-IPV	GSK	1
MMR	PRIORIX	GSK	10
MMR	MMR Vax Pro	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
HPV	GARDASIL	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1

Restricted Vaccines Requiring Authorisation

Vaccine	Product Name	Manufacturer	Pack Size
Hepatitis A	HAVRIX Monodose	GSK	1
	AVAXIM	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HAVRIX Junior Monodose	GSK	1
Hepatitis B	ENGERIX (adult)	GSK	1
	ENGERIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
	FENDRIX (renal insufficiency)	GSK	1
	HBVAXPRO 5mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 10mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
	HBVAXPRO 40mcg	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Hepatitis A+B	TWINRIX (adult)	GSK	1
	TWINRIX (paediatric)	GSK	1
Td/IPV	Revaxis	Sanofi Pasteur MSD	1
Tdap/IPV	IPV-Boostrix	GSK	1

Flu vaccine



This year in addition to the usual at risk groups* flu vaccine is also recommended for pregnant women and those 6 weeks post delivery. Vaccine can be given at any stage of pregnancy.

Further information is available from www.immunisation.ie/en/HotTopics/Text_16545_en.html

* At risk groups www.immunisation.ie/en/HealthcareProfessionals/ImmunisationGuidelines2008/

Immunisation Guidelines

The Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland has also been updated **online only**

A download of the changes to the 2008 Guidelines is available from our website.



To access this information please use the following link

www.immunisation.ie/en/HealthcareProfessionals/ImmunisationGuidelines2008/

European Immunisation Week



European Immunisation Week will take place this year from 23rd - 30th April 2011.

More details will be forwarded to you closer to the time.

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

The HPV programme continues for all eligible girls i.e. those in 1st and 2nd year of second level school. These girls have been offered 2 doses of the HPV vaccine. The 3rd dose of vaccine will be offered to all girls taking part in the programme from March 2011.

The side effect profile to date has been within the expected range. The IMB - National Monitoring Update Report can be accessed from the following link www.imb.ie/EN/Medicines/HPV-School-Immunisation/National-Monitoring-Update.aspx

Further information is available from www.immunisation.ie or www.hpv.ie



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