

Factsheet 1 – How to report immunisations for specific groups

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<p>2.3.1 All individuals</p> <p>AIR will record all vaccines given to individuals of all ages. The exception is Q fever vaccine (refer to 2.4.5).</p> <p>Note: Refer to the online edition of <i>The Australian Immunisation Handbook</i> for up-to-date advice.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software. OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).
<p>2.3.2 School Immunisation Program – missed vaccinations</p> <p>For immunisations missed in the School Immunisation Program.</p> <p>Prior to vaccinating, check the adolescent's immunisation history on AIR and with your local public health unit.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software. OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).
<p>2.3.3 Refugees above 20 years of age</p> <p>Refugee and humanitarian entrants aged over 20 years can access funded catch-up vaccines. If the individual does not have a Medicare number refer to 2.3.8.</p> <p>If the individual has an overseas immunisation record refer to 2.3.6 or Appendix 8.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software. OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).
<p>2.3.4 Premature infants (Gestation <32 weeks)</p> <p>Preterm infants should be vaccinated according to the recommended schedule at their chronological age.</p> <p>Note: Refer to the online edition of <i>The Australian Immunisation Handbook</i> for up-to-date advice on additional vaccines for preterm infants.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For infants not yet registered with Medicare: Use AIR immunisation encounter form (IMM001 and IMM002) (see section 1.8). Fax or post to AIR. OR 2. For infants or children registered with Medicare and with an AIR record: Use the 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5). Record vaccination as 'given by another provider in Australia' if not the immunisation provider.
<p>2.3.5 Rabies vaccine</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).
<p>2.3.6 Individuals vaccinated overseas</p> <p>Note: Public health units may assist with catch-up schedules</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 8). OR 2. The AIR immunisation history form (IM013.1807). Fax or post to AIR.



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<p>2.3.7 Immunisations recorded in practice management software but not on AIR</p> <p>Where there is documentation of immunisations given elsewhere in Australia but not recorded on AIR, an immunisation provider can report this missing information as it ensures an individual's immunisation history on AIR is up-to-date.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6). OR 3. Use AIR immunisation history form (IMo13.18o7). Fax or post to AIR.
<p>2.3.8 Individuals without a Medicare number</p> <p>AIR will record immunisations for individuals who do not have a Medicare number.</p>	<p>Note: Immunisation records will not transmit electronically through practice software without a Medicare number.</p> <p>Use the 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).</p>
<p>2.3.9 Individuals with Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) number</p> <p>These individuals will have a Medicare number; however, they may not routinely use it. A Medicare number is required for any immunisations reported to AIR using practice software. It may be necessary for the individual to request their Medicare number from Medicare.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software. Note: The individual's Medicare number is required; do not use their DVA number, as this will not transmit to AIR. OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details.
<p>2.3.10 Individuals who are not Australian citizens or residents</p> <p>AIR will record these immunisations. Refer to 2.3.8 if these individuals do not have a Medicare number.</p>	<p>Note: Immunisation records will not transmit electronically without a Medicare number.</p> <p>Use the 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).</p>
<p>2.3.11 Revaccination of oncology patients</p> <p>Note: Refer to the online edition of <i>The Australian Immunisation Handbook</i> for advice on vaccines for oncology patients.</p> <p>Revaccination for individuals under 19 years will be funded as per recommendations from the oncology clinic.</p> <p>Note: Check the record on AIR as dose numbers may need to be amended.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software. OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).
<p>2.3.12 Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccination for pregnant women</p> <p>Recommended for all women in the third trimester of pregnancy (preferably between 20 and 32 weeks). <i>The Queensland Health consent form for whooping cough vaccine for pregnant women is no longer required.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic transmission using practice management software. OR 2. The 'encounter screen' on AIR and enter vaccination details (Appendix 5 and 6).