



# The Immune Response

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Vaccines

Please copy and distribute to all immunisation providers in your practice or health centre. Thank you.

## ACIR update

Below is a table distributed by the ACIR about the type of information that it needs to keep an accurate record of the child's immunisation record.

It is frustrating to see children included in your ACIR020A reports who have left your surgery or have only been once or twice while on holidays, but these facts may help.

1. Children who only visit your surgery once are included in your ACIR020A report but are not tallied in your percentages.

2. After the child has not visited your practice for a year, s/he is no longer included in percentages or the report. Please note

that the reports, on receipt, are already a some months old so you may not see the child removed from your reports for more than 12 months.

3. Because in most areas of Australia the percentage of immunised children is around 90%, the visitor who needs to visit twice in a year will probably increase your immunisation rate and you will be credited with it even though you probably had nothing to do with his/her immunisation.

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Item	Information used by the ACIR
Vaccines given & not recorded on ACIR	Yes. Please include the provider number of the immunising provider. If not known, please write 'immunisation given elsewhere'.
Date of immunisation	Yes. Please write the exact date, eg. 01/05/1997, not May 1997.
Child's change of address	No
Child moved overseas	Yes
Vaccines given overseas	No
Child on holidays	No
Child from interstate	No
Alias	Yes. Although this information is not recorded on the child's record, it is useful in identifying whether there may be another registration for this child with a different name.
Child no longer attends this practice	No
Parent can't be contacted	No

## BRIEFS

### Stocktake time (FORM ATTACHED)

Attached to this month's *Immune Response* is the influenza and pneumovax acquittal form. Please fill this out as at the 1st October and send back to the Alliance of NSW Divisions (fax number at end of form) by October 15. Your leftover stock can still be used but please review expiry dates. As with any vaccines that are out of date, please dispose of in your sharps container.

### The mission for a fairer GPPII payment system for the Northern Rivers - Update

Last month we informed you that eventually only practices achieving more than 90% will receive payments. As we have a high conscientious objector concentration in areas of our region, we are objecting to this 'raising of the bar' for an already struggling area. The meeting that was scheduled for this month has been postponed until early November due to transport problems. This means that any surgeries that still want to be involved can. There is power in numbers. Please call Gae McDonald at the NRDGP on 6622 4453.

### New brochure and poster (FORM ATTACHED)

The new brochure and poster for parents/guardians from ACIR that was advertised in a previous issue of *The Immune Response* can now be ordered from the new stationery form. Please replace the old form with this one (attached). These copies are free and will help parents make an informed decision about immunisation.

### Q Fever accreditation

Q fever accreditation is required for all doctors wishing to access Q fever vaccine free. This is so NSW Health can reestablish a Q fever register. Two sessions are being held: Lismore Workers Club Tue 30 and Casino RSM on Wed 31 November from 6.45-10pm. A meal is provided. All practices registered for the course will be notified by fax. If you are unsure of your registration or would like to come please call Gae on 6622 4453. CME points will apply.

### Accreditation course

The immunisation accreditation course has enrolments starting each month. If you are not accredited please consider enrolment. Phone the NSW College of Nursing, Distance Education for details on (02) 9745 7517.

For immunisation resources:

[www.nrdgp.org.au/resources.html](http://www.nrdgp.org.au/resources.html)

For immunisation articles:

[www.nrdgp.org.au/projects/immunisation/home.html](http://www.nrdgp.org.au/projects/immunisation/home.html)

Registered yet?  
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Call Marianne Trent, PHU on (02) 6620 7514.