



**OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

Vaccination

Scope (Staff): All Staff

Scope (Area): All Areas

This document should be read in conjunction with the [Disclaimer](#).

The Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS) endorses the **Australian Government Immunisation Handbook** as the complete vaccination and immunisation reference for WNHS staff. This resource is available at:

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>

The following sections are of particular note for WNHS staff:

- Vaccination for Women who are Planning Pregnancy, Pregnant or Breastfeeding:
(<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-for-special-risk-groups/vaccination-for-women-who-are-planning-pregnancy-pregnant-or-breastfeeding>)
- Vaccination for Preterm Infants:
(<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-for-special-risk-groups/vaccination-for-preterm-infants>)

Other key information for WNHS staff includes:

- Fundamentals of Immunisation:
(<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/fundamentals-of-immunisation>)
- Vaccination Procedures:
(<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-procedures>)
- Reporting and Managing Adverse Vaccination Events:
(<https://www.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/immunisation-information-for-health-professionals/reporting-and-managing-adverse-vaccination-events>)



Related policies and guidelines

WA Health:

- [WA Health Mandatory Policy MP 0139/20 Medicines Handling Policy](#)
- [WA Health Mandatory Policy MP 0175/22 Consent to Treatment Policy](#)

WNHS:




- [WNHS Medication Management Framework Policy and Guideline: Cold Chain Management for Medications and Vaccines](#)
- [WNHS Medication Management Framework Policy and Procedure: Medication Administration](#)
- **Infection Prevention and Management Policy:** [Healthcare Worker Health and Immunisation Policy \(Including Pregnant Healthcare Workers\)](#)

Child and Adolescent Health Services (CAHS): Neonatology Postnatal Ward Guidelines

- [Hepatitis B Virus Care of the Infant Born to HBV Positive Women](#)
- [Hepatitis C Virus Care of the Infant Born to HCV Positive Women](#)

Useful resources

- [National Immunisation Program Schedule](#)
- [WA Health Adverse Event Following Immunisation \(AEFI\)](#)
- [Consumer Information: Protecting Your Baby Against Influenza Starts When You're Pregnant](#)
- [Consumer Information: Protect Your Baby from Whooping Cough](#)
- [WA Health: Antenatal Immunisation](#)
- [WA Health: Immunisation Provider Information and Resources](#)
- [WA Health: Immunisation Education](#)

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Version history

Number	Date	Summary
1	May 2019	Amalgamation of four guidelines (dating from 2001): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antenatal Vaccination Protocol: Pertussis and Influenza (last amended Aug 2017) 2. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine Administration (May 2014) 3. Neonatal Care: Hepatitis B Vaccine (last amended Feb 2015) 4. Neonatal Care: Hepatitis B Immunoglobulin (amended Feb 2015)
2	Apr 2025	Replaced guideline content with direct link to Australian Government Immunisation Handbook, with links to the relevant sections to assist WNHS staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination for Women who are Planning Pregnancy, Pregnant or Breastfeeding • Vaccination for Preterm Infants • Fundamentals of Immunisation • Vaccination Procedures • Reporting and Managing Adverse Vaccination Events

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