

Increasing Your Immunisation Coverage

CORRECT THE DATA

- Use the GPII Practice Report (GPII020A) to reconcile ACIR data with your own medical records
- Make adjustments on the report for data that is missing or incorrect and follow-up children that are overdue for vaccination

OPPORTUNISTIC IMMUNISATION

- Ask about and check the immunisation status of every child that enters your practice
- Adopt a pro-active approach to immunisation, prioritise immunisation in your practice
- Be aware that deferring immunisation results in loss of follow-up in 25-40% of cases

HOLD REGULAR PRACTICE MEETINGS

- Ensure all staff are aware of the role of the ACIR and the GPII scheme
- Discuss the practice immunisation rate
- Discuss practice immunisation procedures
- Reinforce the need for data quality
- Discuss practice policy relating to billing, appointment times (eg access for working parents), front desk issues
- Delegate someone in the practice to take responsibility and to follow up immunisation and ACIR related matters

PRACTICE POLICY

- Policies should clearly identify what is expected of staff and how the system should work, including:
 - ^ Information Processing – processing encounters, recall and follow-up systems, prompts for the GP
 - ^ Uniform recording of the notes – this makes checking easier and standardises data entry
 - ^ Adherence to NHMRC recommendations and cold chain management

OPTIMISE YOUR RESOURCES

- Authorisation for practice nurses to allow them to provide immunisation services
- Electronic data – submitting data to the ACIR via the Internet and electronic recall/reminder systems