

PRE-VACCINATION SCREENING CHECKLIST

This checklist helps your doctor/nurse decide about vaccinating you or your child.

Please tell your doctor/nurse if the patient to be vaccinated:

- Is unwell today
- Has a disease which lowers immunity (e.g. *leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS*) or is having treatment which lowers immunity (e.g. *oral steroid medicines such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy*)
- Has had a severe reaction following any vaccine in the past
- Has *any* severe allergies - *to anything*
- Has had any vaccine in the past month
- Has had an injection of immunoglobulin, or received any blood products or a whole blood transfusion within the past year
- Is pregnant
- Has a past history of Guillian-Barré syndrome
- Was a preterm infant
- Has a bleeding disorder

A different vaccine schedule may be recommended if the person to be vaccinated:

- Identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Does not have a functioning spleen
- Is planning a pregnancy or anticipating parenthood
- Is a parent, grandparent or carer of a newborn
- Lives with someone who has a disease which lowers immunity (e.g. *leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS*), or lives with someone who is having treatment which lowers immunity (e.g. *oral steroid medicines such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy*)

REMEMBER TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR/NURSE ABOUT MATTERS RELATING TO VACCINATION BEFORE THE VACCINES ARE GIVEN

Before any vaccination takes place, the immunisation service provider will ask you:

- Did you understand the information provided to you about immunisation?
- Do you need more information to decide whether to proceed?
- Did you bring your/your child's vaccination record card with you?

Note: It is important for you to receive a personal record of your or your child's injections. If you do not have a record, ask your immunisation service provider to give you one. Bring this record with you every time you or your child visit for vaccination. Make sure your doctor/nurse records all vaccinations on it. Your child may need this record to enter childcare, preschool, school or the workforce.