

# Planning catch-up immunisation

Flowchart for people of all ages

## 1. Assess existing documented vaccination records

- Overseas written records
- Previous Australian records (including AIR)

**If there is no written record – full age appropriate catch-up immunisation is recommended**

## 2. Consider relevant clinical information

- Varicella serology for  $\geq 14$  years of age – if positive, vaccine is not required
- Rubella serology (women of childbearing age)
- [Pre-vaccination screening checklist](#)
- Need for extra vaccines (medical risk/occupational risk)

## 3. Develop a catch-up plan

- Use catch-up resources – [less than 10 years old](#) or [10 years and older](#)
- Do not restart immunisation if there is written documentation of previous doses
- Administer all overdue vaccines – multiple vaccines can be given on the same day
- Aim for minimum visits and minimum dosing intervals
- Use combination vaccine formulations if possible - consider age restrictions

**For most vaccines, there are no adverse events associated with additional doses in immune individuals**

## 4. Document vaccinations that have been given (overseas and in Australia)

- Enter overseas vaccines onto AIR (all ages)
- Enter current vaccines into AIR (all ages)
- Notify [immunisation medical exemption](#) where relevant for natural immunity and submit to AIR

## 5. Ensure catch-up immunisation is completed

- Provide a written record to individuals, and a clear plan for ongoing immunisation
- Immunise family members simultaneously to reduce visits
- Use recall and reminder systems to complete the catch-up plan.

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