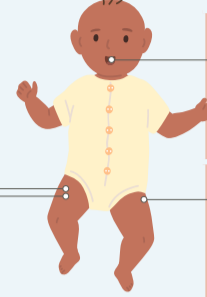
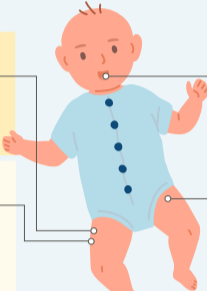
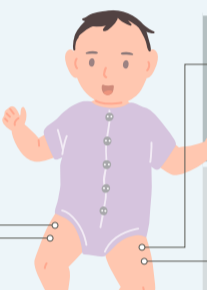
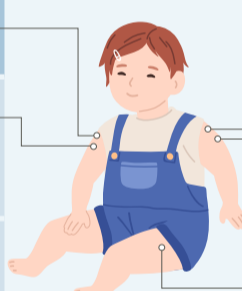
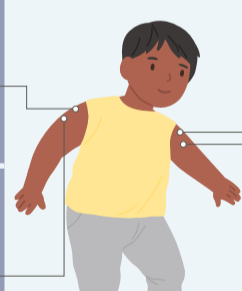
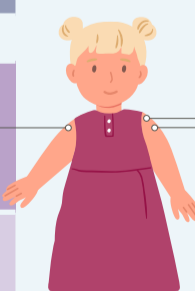


Recommended sites for childhood vaccination

National Immunisation Program schedule (as at June 2024)

This resource details vaccines listed and funded under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) schedule and additional vaccines funded by relevant states and territories. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH), the NIP schedule and the NCIRS immunisation schedules for other vaccines recommended but not funded by the NIP.

2 MONTHS	Infanrix Hexa® (IM) or Vaxelis® (IM) Bexsero® (IM) First Nations children (all states and territories) All children (SA and Qld only)		Rotarix® (ORAL) Age limit for dose 1 is 6–14 weeks Prevenar 13® (IM)
	Infanrix Hexa® (IM) or Vaxelis® (IM) Bexsero® (IM) First Nations children (all states and territories) All children (SA and Qld only)		Rotarix® (ORAL) Age limit for dose 2 is 10–24 weeks Prevenar 13® (IM)
6 MONTHS	Infanrix Hexa® (IM) or Vaxelis® (IM) Bexsero® (IM) First Nations children with specified medical risk conditions		Prevenar 13® (IM) Children with specified medical risk conditions and First Nations children (WA, NT, SA, Qld) Annual influenza vaccine (IM) Influenza vaccine annually from 6 months of age
12 MONTHS	Nimenrix® (IM) Bexsero® (IM) First Nations children (all states and territories) All children (SA and Qld only) Annual influenza vaccine (IM) Influenza vaccine annually from 6 months of age. Administer in arm. If two other vaccines are given in arm, use leg.		Prevenar 13® (IM) M-M-R II (IM or SC) or Priorix® (IM or SC) H-B-Vax II (IM) or Engerix-B® paediatric (IM) Infants born less than 2000 g and/or infants born before 32 weeks gestation (regardless of weight)
18 MONTHS	Act-HIB® (IM) Infanrix® (IM) or Tripacel® (IM)		Priorix-Tetra® (IM or SC) Vaqta® Paediatric (IM) First Nations children only (WA, NT, SA, Qld) Annual influenza vaccine (IM) Influenza vaccine annually from 6 months of age. Administer in left arm. If two other vaccines are given in arm, use leg
4 YEARS	Infanrix® IPV (IM) or Quadracel® (IM) Annual influenza vaccine (IM) Influenza vaccine annually from 6 months of age. Administer in arm. If only two vaccines administered, use alternate arm		Vaqta® Paediatric (IM) First Nations children only (WA, NT, SA, Qld) Pneumovax 23® (IM or SC) Children with specified medical risk conditions and First Nations children (WA, NT, SA, Qld)

- ### Checklist
- ✓ Ensure adrenaline kit available
 - ✓ Ensure cold chain management maintained
 - ✓ Follow pre-vaccination checklist
 - ✓ Identify all medically at-risk children and First Nations children
 - ✓ Check child's immunisation history on Australian Immunisation Register
 - ✓ Check vaccines requiring reconstitution
 - ✓ Check correct vaccine for age
 - ✓ Provide post-vaccination advice

Clinical advice

Seasonal influenza vaccination is recommended annually at any time from 6 months of age.

Administer influenza vaccine brand based on registered age group.

Children aged 6 months to <9 years receiving influenza vaccination for the first time are recommended 2 doses, 4 weeks apart.

Ensure a distance of 2.5 cm between injections in the same muscle.



If the deltoid muscle mass is inadequate, give the less reactogenic vaccine (e.g. MMR) in the anterolateral thigh.

Meningococcal ACWY and Meningococcal B vaccines are recommended and funded for children with certain at-risk conditions. Refer to the AIH for age-appropriate vaccines and dosing schedules.

Children aged <2 years are recommended to receive prophylactic paracetamol with every dose of Bexsero®.

Key: IM = intramuscular; SC = subcutaneous; ORAL = to be administered orally

Note: Vaccination site locations are approximate only. Specific clinical advice on anatomical injection sites can be found in the AIH.

Route of administration	Needle size – infant or child	Needle size – preterm infant <37 weeks gestation up to 2 months of age and/or very small infant
Intramuscular, 90° to skin plane 	22–25 gauge, 25 mm long	23–25 gauge, 16 mm long
Subcutaneous, 45° to skin plane 	22–27 gauge, 16 mm long	N/A

Contact your state or territory specialist immunisation service for specialised immunisation advice, including on administration of a large number of vaccines at one visit.

