

Immunisation News

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It's official!

The end of June saw the “official” end of the Meningococcal B Vaccination Campaign. However, those working in primary care know that MeNZB™ is far from over.

- ♣ MeNZB™ continues for newborns and children <5 years until further notice
- ♣ Mop up for children aged 5-19 years continues until the end of the year. (If anyone in this age group is starting MeNZB™ mid-September is effectively the last time anyone in this age group should be starting MeNZB™).

CONGRATULATIONS

At the end of June the national average was 79.8%, and C&CDHB achieved 80% coverage for Dose 3 MeNZB™. We can therefore safely say that we are one of the top 10 DHBs in the country! Well done to all providers who have helped us to achieve this tremendous result. A full report outlining our achievements will be sent to providers in the near future.

Achievements – NIR and MeNZB

In the last year there have been many achievements and positive spin-offs from both the NIR and the Meningococcal Vaccination Campaign:-

- ♣ Implementation of a national immunisation database and the ability to check the vaccination status of children who have moved area
- ♣ Accurate and timely information on immunisation coverage and the ability to easily identify groups who are missing out.
- ♣ 80% of children and young people now protected against meningococcal B
- ♣ Raised profile of the importance of immunisation
- ♣ More nurses trained as authorised non-medical vaccinators
- ♣ Nurses more confident giving 3 vaccinations at one time
- ♣ Innovation with regard to vaccination and more nurse-led clinics
- ♣ Provided the opportunity to demonstrate team work and collaboration between PHOs, GPs, nurses and other staff

MedTech32 Quick Reference Guide

We have developed a short “How To” guide to supplement the MedTech32 V14 NIR Immunisation User Guide. This will shortly be distributed to providers.

Common data entry issues causing NIR errors

- ♣ The “Provider” is the GP; the “Vaccinator” is the nurse. Care in documenting the GP as the Provider is appreciated as it save us time having the fix the error.
- ♣ Patient address details. Geocoding requires 4 identifying features in the physical/street address - a street number, a street (correctly spelt), a correct suburb, and a town or city. On MedTech the main registration tab records the patient’s street address, and the “More 4 tab” records the patient’s mailing address. You can use “Res/Building” to record the flat/unit or apartment name. Care in data entry is appreciated as any spelling mistakes (however small e.g. Street . . .) causes the geocoding “brain” to reject the address. Mailing address details (e.g. PO Box and RD1) should be on the “More 4 tab”, *not* on the main registration tab.

NIR/MeNZB Celebration/Awards

You are invited to one of 3 evenings we have planned in early August to honour all those who have worked hard implement the NIR and make the Meningococcal B Vaccination Programme a success.

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| Porirua | 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday 1 August 2006 Pataka Museum and Arts Centre, Porirua |
| Wellington | 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday 3 August 2006 C&CDHB, Level 1 Lotteries Building, 54-56 Cambridge Tce |
| Kapiti | 5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Wednesday 9 August 2006. Kapiti Health Centre, Warrimoo St, Paraparaumu |

Overdue Reports

An Overdue Vaccination Report will shortly be sent out to providers. Simply, check the list and let us know the following:-

- ♣ Tell us if a client is unable to be located, and we will flag as ON HOLD on the NIR. (This will stop the client being classed as overdue again).

- ♣ If you have undertaken a vaccination and the report suggests you haven't, either resend the vaccination message – OR – tell us the relevant details and we will load manually.



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