



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NSW IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE – June 2007

Please distribute this fax to all GPs in your practice and to the person responsible for ordering vaccines.

ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

The National Rotavirus Vaccination Program will commence in NSW on 2nd July 2007. All babies born on / after 1st May 2007 are eligible to receive free Rotarix, to be given at 2 and 4 months of age. There is no catch-up program for Rotarix vaccine, and the vaccine must not be given after 24 weeks of age.

ROTARIX IS AN ORAL VACCINE AND MUST NEVER BE INJECTED

The vaccine order form is available on: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au> (follow the links to NSW Immunisation Programs).

Vaccine deliveries commenced on Monday 25th June.

HPV VACCINE

The National HPV Vaccination Program will commence in NSW on 9th July. Free HPV vaccine will be available to GPs for females aged 18 to 26 years of age, and for female school students 12 to 18 years of age who missed commencing the course through the school-based program.

The recommended schedule for Gardasil is for three doses administered intramuscularly at 0, 2 and 6 months. Gardasil is not registered for use in women older than 26 years of age.

Attached is the HPV order form. The order form will also be available for download on <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au> (follow the links to NSW Immunisation Programs).

Vaccine deliveries will commence on Monday 2nd July.

MENINGOCOCCAL C VACCINE

Meningococcal C vaccine will continue to be available for people aged up to 25 who have not received the vaccine during the National Program. Please use your general monthly order form.

IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE INFORMATION FOLDER

A new Immunisation Schedule Information Folder will be forwarded to all practices by September 2007. This will include an immunisation schedule wall chart, cold chain information, handy contact information as well as updated vaccine order forms.