

# 18 MONTH DTPa VACCINATION PROGRAM



Health





Information for NSW General Practitioners & Aboriginal Medical Services

Please distribute this information to all staff

1. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTPa) vaccine is now available to order for children born on or after 1 October 2014
2. Boostrix (dTpa) vaccine must not be given to children at 18 months of age
3. A new NSW Immunisation Schedule is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation) under 'Alerts'

## Summary

- A booster dose of pertussis, provided as a combination diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTPa) vaccine, has been added to the National Immunisation Program (NIP) Schedule for children aged 18 months of age.
- In NSW, immunisation providers will be supplied with **INFANRIX** or **TRIPACEL** vaccines.
- Boostrix vaccine must not be used for 18 month old children.
- The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register will regard children born from 1 October 2014 as due for the booster dose of pertussis vaccine at 18 months (from April 2016) and overdue at 19 months (from May 2016).
- INFANRIX or TRIPACEL vaccines should be ordered now via the online vaccine ordering system at <https://nsw.csldirect.com.au>

PERTUSSIS SCHEDULE POINTS	VACCINE(S)
6 weeks/4 months/6 months	INFANRIX HEXA 
18 months	TRIPACEL <u>or</u> INFANRIX 
4 years	INFANRIX IPV 
>10 years	BOOSTRIX 

## Further Information:

- Contact your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**
- NSW pertussis website: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/protectnewborns](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/protectnewborns)

Yours sincerely

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