

HPV vaccination changes

Information for NSW General Practitioners & Aboriginal Medical Services

Please distribute this information to all staff

1. A new 9 valent HPV vaccine (Gardasil9®) is now available for ordering
2. Gardasil9® should be given as a 2-dose schedule at least 6 months apart unless the individual is 15 years or older at first dose, or has significant immunocompromise
3. Any remaining stock of the previous 4 valent HPV vaccine (Gardasil®) should now be discarded

New HPV vaccine in 2018

- A new HPV vaccine which protects against 9 HPV types (9vHPV or Gardasil9®) has been introduced under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and **is being offered to all Year 7 students as part of the NSW School Vaccination Program.**
- This vaccine protects against additional high-risk HPV types that cause over 90% of cervical cancers in women and also protects against additional cancers in men.
- It is safe and effective to use Gardasil9® in order to complete a vaccination schedule which was commenced with the previous 4 valent HPV vaccine (Gardasil®).

2-dose schedule at least 6 months apart

- Gardasil9® is registered to be given as a 2-dose schedule at least 6 months apart.
- The NHMRC's *Australian Immunisation Handbook* will be updated shortly to reflect the adoption of the 2-dose HPV schedule in Australia.

Exceptions to 2-dose HPV schedule

- Some individuals are still recommended to have a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months, including those who received their first dose of HPV vaccine at **15 years of age or older**, and those with **significant immunocompromise** (detailed advice at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv).

Catch-up vaccination up to 19 years

- Providers can offer a free 2-dose course of Gardasil9® to adolescents aged 10-19 years under the Australian Government's free catch-up program (see www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).
- Providers are strongly encouraged to notify each dose of HPV vaccine to the National HPV Register. A notification form is included with every vaccine delivery.

Further Information

- Gardasil9® can now be ordered on NSW Health's online vaccine ordering system at <https://nsw.tollhealthcare.com/>.
- NSW Health's HPV website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv
- Contact your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**



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