

Pre-Immunisation Checklist

What to Tell Your Doctor or Nurse Before Immunisation:

Before any immunisation takes place, the doctor or nurse must ask you if:

- You have read this information
- You understand this information
- You need more information to decide whether or not to proceed

The conditions listed below do not necessarily mean that immunisation cannot be given but a different vaccine schedule may be recommended. Before the immunisation, tell the doctor or nurse if any of the following apply to the person to be immunised:

- Is unwell on the day of immunisation (temperature 38.5°C or higher)
- Has had a severe reaction to any vaccine
- Has had a severe allergy to anything
- Preterm baby born less than 32 weeks gestation
- Has a chronic illness
- Has had a vaccine containing live viruses within the last month (such as MMR, chickenpox, BCG)
- Is taking steroids of any sort other than inhaled asthma sprays or steroid creams (for example, cortisone or prednisone)
- Has had immunoglobulin or a blood transfusion in the last three months, or intravenous immunoglobulin in the last nine months
- Has a disease or is having treatment which causes low immunity (for example, leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS, radiotherapy or chemotherapy)
- Lives with someone who has a disease or is having treatment which causes low immunity (for example, leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS, radiotherapy or chemotherapy)
- Has a past history of Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Is pregnant or is planning to become pregnant within one month of immunisation (the person to be vaccinated)
- Is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent (relates to the adult influenza and pneumococcal vaccine program)

For further information contact:

- Your doctor
- Local council

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