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Capvaxive® 21-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Capvaxive® 21vPCV

From 1 July 2026, the 21-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (21vPCV), Capvaxive® (single dose), will be introduced on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for eligible adults.

Capvaxive® is designed to protect against 21 pneumococcal serotypes which cause most of the invasive pneumococcal disease in adults in a single dose vaccine.

Capvaxive® will replace Prevenar 13® and Pneumovax 23® on the adult pneumococcal vaccination schedule. NIP pneumococcal schedule will now have one vaccine for children (Prevenar 20®) and one for eligible adults (Capvaxive®).

Capvaxive® is registered for use in people aged 18 years and over will be available in single dose syringes in packs of one or 10.



Capvaxive® NIP Schedule

Adult pneumococcal schedule	
65 years and over	1 dose of Capvaxive®
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 25 years and over	1 dose of Capvaxive®
18 years and over with an eligible medical condition*	1 dose of Capvaxive® at diagnosis

*For information regarding eligibility for pneumococcal vaccine due to a **specified medical risk condition** refer to [Table. Risk conditions for pneumococcal vaccination and eligibility for NIP funding | The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)

Timing of vaccination

- Eligible adults are recommended to receive a **single dose** of Capvaxive® at least **12 months after their last pneumococcal dose**.
- Eligible adults aged 18 years and over with a **specified medical condition** are recommended to receive a **single dose** of Capvaxive® **at diagnosis**.
- Adults who have already received Capvaxive® vaccine due to a specified medical risk condition **do not need another dose**.

Actions required by vaccine providers

- Download the new [July 2026 NT Immunisation Schedules](#).
- Download the new [vaccine order form](#) and order Capvaxive® vaccine stock ready to administer from 1st of July 2026.
- From 1st of July 2026, discard all Prevenar 13® and Pneumovax 23® vaccines and complete an [online wastage form](#).

All forms are available for download from the [Immunisation program | NT Health](#) website.

NCIRS webinar

To get up to date with the latest evidence on pneumococcal disease in adults and to learn about the upcoming changes to the NIP pneumococcal schedule, vaccine providers are encouraged to register for the **NCIRS webinar on Wednesday 24th June 2026**.

- [Upcoming – Pneumococcal vaccination for adults: expanding disease protection | NCIRS](#)

Further information

For clinical recommendations and further vaccine information please to refer to:

- [Pneumococcal disease | The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)
- [Adult pneumococcal vaccination – Program advice for health professionals](#)
- [Pneumococcal vaccination – Consumer fact sheet](#)

NT Diphtheria Outbreak

NT Diphtheria outbreak

Respiratory and cutaneous diphtheria cases continue to be reported in the Northern Territory. Vaccination remains the most effective measure to protect individuals against severe diphtheria and to reduce disease transmission.

Vaccination

Ensuring high vaccination coverage remains the most important public health measure to control this outbreak.

The NT has expanded eligibility for a free diphtheria vaccine for a limited time. See [Free diphtheria vaccines during outbreak response | NT.GOV.AU](#)

The [NT diphtheria outbreak immunisation schedule](#) current recommendations are:

- All Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and frontline workers are strongly recommended to have a booster if more than 5 years have passed since their last diphtheria containing vaccine.
- All other NT residents are recommended to have a booster if more than 10 years have passed since their last diphtheria containing vaccine.
- Ensure infants, children, adolescents and pregnant women are up to date with their routine NIP schedules. See [Immunisation program | NT Health](#).

Vaccine providers are encouraged to:

- Review vaccination status at every patient encounter.
- Offer catch-up vaccination including influenza where required.
- Promote the importance of diphtheria vaccination within communities.
- Order diphtheria vaccines via the [Diphtheria outbreak vaccine order form](#).
- Ensure all administered vaccines are reported to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

Further information

Further information regarding the NT diphtheria outbreak and vaccine recommendations can be found on the following websites:

- [Diphtheria | NT.GOV.AU](#)
- [Diphtheria information for health professionals | NT Health](#)
- [Immunisation program | NT Health](#)



Arexvy® for older adults

NIP respiratory syncytial virus vaccine for older adults

From May 2026, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine, Arexvy®, has been funded through the National Immunisation Program. A single dose of Arexvy® is free and funded for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 60 years and over
- Adults aged 75 years and over.

Co-administer Arexvy®

Arexvy® can be co-administered with other vaccines such as COVID-19, influenza, zoster, and pneumococcal if required. There are practical advantages of co-administration, including benefits in maximizing coverage and ensuring vaccines are received on time. Check [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) | The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) for further information on co-administration.

NCIRS webinars and further information

- View the NCIRS webinar [RSV vaccines and prevention programs: evidence, safety and impact](#) recorded in April 2026.
- Visit [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) vaccine for older Australians – Program advice for health professionals](#).
- Vaccine providers can order Arexvy® vaccines using the [NIP vaccine order form](#).

Australian Immunisation Register updates

New 'due' and 'overdue' rules

The Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) has introduced new 'due' and 'overdue' rules for **NIP funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander childhood pneumococcal vaccines** and for **individuals eligible for NIP influenza vaccines**.

The **AIR Immunisation history statement** will now show when the 6-month pneumococcal vaccine is due and when the annual influenza vaccine is due. Reminder letters will be sent from the AIR if individuals become overdue.

These changes do not:

- affect the child's NIP Immunisation status (it will still display as 'up to date' if no other vaccines are overdue) or
- affect eligibility for family assistance payments.

For detailed information please visit NCIRS [AIR Update – 20 May 2026 | NCIRS](#) or download the [Australian Immunisation Register National due and overdue rules for immunisations](#).

New NT Immunisation Schedules

New NT Immunisation schedules – July 2026

The July 2026 Immunisation schedules will be available on the [Immunisation program | NT Health](#) website during the **last week of June**.

By July 1st vaccine providers are advised to:

- download and print the schedules in colour
- display in all clinic rooms
- remove all previous schedules from circulation.

NT Immunisation Schedule		July 2026
Pneumococcal Vaccination		Ph (08) 8922 8315
Vaccines funded under the National Immunisation Program/NT Health		Immunisation program NT Health
KEY	All people	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
		Specified medical risk conditions

Scan below for more Immunisation updates



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