

GP Connect

Keeping GPs informed in the changing primary health landscape



8 August 2019 - In Brief

Launch of WA's No Jab No Play policy

Changes to the [Public Health Act 2016 \(WA\)](#) and the [School Education Act 1999 \(WA\)](#) have now come into effect in an effort to increase vaccination rates of children in Western Australia (WA) and better protect the community from vaccine preventable notifiable infectious diseases.

Under these new changes, a child's immunisation status must be 'up to date' according to their Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement for the child to be permitted to enrol into long day care, family day care, pre-kindergarten or kindergarten

Exceptions apply to children who have an approved medical exemption to a vaccine, have natural immunity to a specific disease, are on an approved catch-up schedule, or are identified as exempt because of particular family circumstances.

Immunisation providers may receive queries from parents of children who are not currently recorded as 'up-to-date' with their immunisations on the(AIR).

How you can assist your patients:

- Ensure each child's vaccinations are recorded in the AIR
- If a child is following an approved catch-up schedule, provide a copy of the child's [AIR immunisation history form](#) advising the child is on a catch-up schedule to the parent/guardian



- Continue to follow up overdue children

Further information about WA's immunisation requirements can be found on the '[Childhood Immunisation](#)' HealthPathway, or you can visit the Health WA website to download the following resources:

- [Starting child care, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten](#) – a parent factsheet
- [WA Immunisation Requirements: Guidelines for persons in charge of child care services, community kindergartens and schools](#)

Further queries in relation to the new legislation can be emailed to immunisation@health.wa.gov.au

Hospital Liaison GP Updates

Fiona Stanley Hospital

Midwifery-led care for low risk pregnancies

Women in the South Metropolitan catchment who meet the clinical criteria for a low risk pregnancy and are due to deliver on or after 11 November 2019 can now receive midwifery-led care throughout the antenatal, labour, birth and postnatal periods.

The Family Birthing Centre offers three birthing suites containing birthing pools, birthing cubes and silks, day beds and family lounge facilities. The aim is to provide access to active physiological birth with the support of the same midwife throughout the process.

GPs can request the Family Birthing Centre in their FSH referrals or women can self-refer by phoning 08 6152 9416, or emailing Fsh.FamilyBirthingCentre@health.wa.gov.au

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Available: Monday and Thursday

Clinical Updates

Launch of the Practice Incentive Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) incentive

The Australian Government's new Practice Incentive Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) incentive has now commenced. Further information is available on the [Practice Assist website](http://www.practiceassist.com.au) and regular updates are provided through Practice Connect. Subscribe your practice staff to Practice Connect at <http://www.practiceassist.com.au/About-PracticeAssist/News-and-Updates>

In case you missed the July clinical feature...

Visit our [online news hub](#) to read *Managing child sexual abuse* by Dr Alice Johnson, Consultant Paediatrician and Head of Department, Child Protection Unit, Perth Children's Hospital.

Education Events

SCGH GP education event: Chronic disease and shared care

WA Primary Health Alliance;
HealthPathways WA
Saturday 17 August 2019

Syphilis in the regions - Orientation and update videoconference

WA Health
Tuesday 20 August 2019

Joint Enterprise: Active Learning Module in Orthopaedics for GPs

WA Primary Health Alliance;
HealthPathways WA
Saturday 24 August 2019

Tackling ageing and life-limiting illnesses: Helping our patients make the most of life

East Metropolitan Health Service
Saturday 31 August 2019

Curing Hepatitis C in Primary Care - Karratha ASHM

Thursday 5 September 2019

GP Hubs: Supporting your patient in a complex system -an aged care study

WA Primary Health Alliance;
HealthPathways WA
Tuesday 17 September 2019

The Advance Project for GPs: Initiating advance care planning and palliative care

WA Primary Health Alliance;
HealthPathways WA
Erskine - Tuesday 17 September 2019
Rivervale - Saturday 21 September 2019

For more information on these and other upcoming GP education events or to register, visit wapha.org.au/events