

Medtech32 Immunisation Schedule Changes FAQ

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Why are Medtech making changes to the Immunisation Schedules?

The Childhood Immunisation Schedule routinely requires updating as new vaccines and disease threats develop. The changes being implemented are to meet the requirements outlined by the Ministry of Health for implementation from 1st July 2011.

Medtech makes changes to the application to enable practice Immunisation Modules to be in-line with the latest National Immunisation Register requirements.

Changes are made approximately every two years.

Why is there a new set of Immunisation Schedules for 2011?

The new 2011 schedules are implemented to enable Medtech to cater for new and previous Patient Immunisation requirements.

When changes are made to vaccinations that form part of the Immunisation Schedule, Medtech needs to create a new schedule to show the new vaccines without modifying the existing patient immunisation data.

All new schedules are created in the same formats as previous schedules, however contain the new vaccinations where required for the relevant age groups.

New schedules will always show at the top of the **Schedule Selection** tab in the Immunisation screen for easy selection.

What is the Generic PCV vaccination being used for on the 2011 Immunisation Schedules?

For any Pneumococcal vaccination required as part of any of the 2011 Immunisation Schedules, the PCV7 vaccination used in previous schedules will now be replaced with a Generic PCV vaccination.

Vaccinators now have a choice of administering PCV7, PCV10 or PCV13 vaccinations for a Patient.

The Generic PCV vaccination record is, in essence, a placeholder for the actual PCV vaccination that will be selected to be administered for the Patient.

Why does the Generic PCV Vaccination show with an Outcome of Alternative Given?

When administering a Generic PCV vaccination, the Outcome of 'Alternative Given' will be selected by default, and the PCV vaccine alternatives will be displayed to the user for selection.

You will be required to select which type of PCV vaccine is being administered to the Patient. The PCV vaccines available for selection to be administered are PCV7, PCV10 or PCV13.

Why can I not select an Outcome of Given for the Generic PCV vaccine?

The Generic PCV vaccination record is a placeholder for the actual PCV vaccination that will be selected to be administered for the Patient.

As it is a placeholder, it cannot be recorded with an Outcome of Given. You will be required to select which type of PCV vaccine is being administered to the Patient.

Why have the Patients that were on 2008 Schedules been moved to 2011 Schedules?

As part of the 2011 Immunisation Schedule Changes any currently scheduled PCV7 vaccines are required to be updated to the new Generic PCV vaccination.

All Patients who at 1 July 2011 have scheduled PCV7 tasks without an Outcome recorded are to have their PCV7 scheduled tasks changed to the Generic PCV task and any Patient on a 2008 Childhood, Catch Up or Pneumococcal Immunisation Schedule that is/was due for their 6 week, 3/5 or 15 month PCV vaccination on or after 1 July 2011, will be transferred onto the equivalent 2011 Immunisation Schedule.

Why does my Patients Generic vaccine have a Note of Auto Inserted?

If a PCV7 vaccination has already been administered to the Patient whilst on the 2008 Immunisation Schedule, the update utility will set the Outcome for the Generic PCV vaccination in the new 2011 Immunisation Schedule to 'Alternative Given' for the PCV7 vaccination record, and identify the PCV7 vaccination as the vaccine that was Given to the Patient.

The Generic PCV vaccination in the New 2011 Immunisation Schedule will have a note of 'Auto Inserted' so that a practice is aware that the Medtech Upgrade has inserted the record into the Patient file.

My Patient had recalls for 2008 Schedule vaccine groups, and now they have changed to 2011 recalls. Why?

As Patients move from a 2008 to a 2011 Immunisation Schedule based on the upgrade utility rules, all existing Recalls for the patient will be updated to reflect the move to a 2011 Immunisation Schedule.

Where are the new 6 and 7 month HepB vaccines? I don't see them on the HepB Positive Mothers schedule.

A new 'Optional Booster Hep B' schedule has been added to Medtech to enable the 6 and 7 month vaccinations and 8 month Serology test to be selected manually for a patient where required.

When selected the 'Optional Booster Hep B' will add two new Hep B vaccinations to the Patients Immunisation Schedule at 6 months and 7 months.

Where do I see the new 8 month HepB Serology requirement for my Patient?

The Recalls associated with the new 6 and 7 month vaccinations will also be added to the Patient Recall list, along with a Miscellaneous Recall for a Hep B Serology test at 8 months.

The 'Hep B 2nd Optional' vaccination entry at 7 months will allow for the Serology Result from the 8 month Serology Test to be entered using the same process as the 5 month Serology Test.

Why does my Patient have Closed Not Required recorded as the Outcome for their 15 Month Hib?

When a Patient with a scheduled and uncompleted 15 month Hib vaccination receives any vaccination containing a Hib component from 12 months of age onwards the 15 month Hib vaccination will be removed automatically from the Patients schedule.

The Hib vaccination will be automatically updated with an Outcome of 'Closed Not Required' and the Note field will contain the text 'Auto Added' so that a practice is aware that the Medtech32 application inserted the record.

If my Patients 15 month Hib Vaccination has an Outcome of Closed Not Required, why do they still have a Recall for a 15 month Vaccine Group?

The 15 month immunisation recall will remain on the Patient Recall List as other vaccinations due at 15 months will still be required to be administered to the Patient.

My Medtech32 application is producing vaccine messages for immunisation that were recorded as Given Overseas. This never happened before.

When a vaccination or an alternative vaccination for a Scheduled Immunisation has been administered to a Patient whilst overseas, Vaccinators are able to complete the Scheduled Immunisation record in Medtech32, with an Outcome of 'Given Overseas'.

Any Scheduled Immunisation record entered into Medtech32 with an Outcome of 'Given Overseas' will now be messaged to the NIR.

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The Generic PCV record displayed in the Medtech 32 Immunisation Audit Report will be the sum of the alternative PCV vaccines recorded.

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