Immunisation Schedule Changes 2017

Important – Please Read
Rotavirus and Varicella Vaccinations

There have been a number of queries to the Medtech Support Desk relating to the availability of the Rotavirus Monovalent and Varicella vaccines and to the administration of existing stocks of the Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccine under the new 2017 Immunisation Schedule.

Medtech has clarified these matters with the Ministry of Health and can provide the following information.

Rotavirus Monovalent Vaccination

While the 2017 Immunisation Schedule lists Rotavirus Monovalent as required at 6 weeks and 3 months, until all current stocks of Rotavirus Pentavalent have been used, practices are not being issued with Rotavirus Monovalent and should use their current stocks of Pentavalent. These are expected to last until mid-to late-August.

This will mean that a 6-week-old infant will start on Rotavirus Pentavalent and depending on stock usage will need to complete their dose 2 and/or dose 3 with either Pentavalent or Monovalent.

To administer the Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccination for 6 Weeks on the 2017 Immunisation Schedule:

1. Select the 6 Weeks immunisation group for administration
2. Select the ‘Add a New Immunisation Group’ icon or press Ctrl+G
3. DTaP-IPV-HepB/Hib6w vaccine must be entered with the Outcome of ‘Given’.
4. If you have stocks of PCV13 to complete, then select the ‘Pneum, conj 10, 6w’ vaccine and enter the Outcome as ‘Alternative Given’. 
5. The ‘Pneum, conj 13, 6w’ vaccine will now be displayed, enter the Outcome for this vaccine as ‘Given’. 
6. Next highlight the ‘Rotavirus mono Dose 1’ vaccination.
7. In the Outcome field, select ‘Rescheduled’.
8. Under the Recall date field, change the date to the 5 month Immunisation event. The 5 month Immunisation due event can be found by checking the Immunisation Schedule tab.
9. The rescheduled ‘Rotavirus mono Dose 1’ vaccine will be displayed in blue font. This vaccination will appear in the Patient Recalls list.
10. There will be a reminder to prompt the vaccinators to give this vaccine during the 5 months Immunisation event.

11. Now that the ‘Rotavirus mono Dose1’ vaccination has been rescheduled, the next step will be to enter the details of the Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccine that was given to the patient at the 6 weeks Immunisation event. To enter these details, follow the process outlined below:

- Under the All Immunisations tab, click on the Single Syringe icon.
- From the Vaccine drop down menu, select the ‘Rotavirus penta, 6w’ vaccination and complete the Outcome as ‘Given’.
- Remember to tick the Auto Bill checkbox, so that a claim for this vaccine is generated.
Please Note: the ‘Rotavirus penta, 6w’ will not be seen under the Immunisation Schedule tab, instead this will be displayed under the All Immunisations tab.

To administer the Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccination for 3 Months on the 2017 Immunisation Schedule:

Although the schedule displays 2 doses of Rotavirus Monovalent vaccine, because the infant has commenced on Rotavirus Pentavalent they will need a 3-dose course of Rotavirus vaccine (Rotavirus Pentavalent and/or Monovalent).

Please Note: MoH has clarified that their claiming system will reject any Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccine administered to the patient after 1 September 2017.

This will mean that most of the patients starting on their 6 weeks immunisations after 1 July 2017 will receive Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccination as part of their 6 weeks immunisation event and most probably their 3 months immunisation event.

The 3 month Immunisation event will have two different scenarios; these are given below.

1. When the patient comes back before 1 September 2017 for their 2nd dose of Rotavirus vaccine, as part of the 3 months task you can enter the Rotavirus Pentavalent vaccine by using the following steps:
   - Select the 3 Months immunisation group for administration
   - Select the ‘Add a New Immunisation Group’ icon or press Ctrl+G
Highlight the ‘Rotavirus mono Dose2’ vaccination in the Outcome field and select ‘Alternative Given’.

The ‘Rotavirus penta, 3m’ vaccination will now be displayed.

Click on ‘Rotavirus penta, 3m’ and enter the Outcome of ‘Given’ and administer following the standard process.

2. If the patient comes back for their 2nd dose of Rotavirus vaccine after 1 September 2017, you would have to give the patient Rotavirus Monovalent vaccine. This vaccine is the scheduled vaccine under the 3 months task and can be entered as ‘Given’.
To administer the Rotavirus Monovalent vaccination for 5 Months on the 2017 Immunisation Schedule:

The 5 month Immunisation event will definitely be held after 1 September 2017. Therefore the patient will receive Rotavirus Monovalent as part of this vaccination event.

When the patient is due for their 5 months immunisation event, the ‘Rotavirus mono, Dose1’ vaccination that was rescheduled to the 5 months Immunisation event will now be displayed as due. This vaccination can be entered in the following way:

1. Highlight the ‘Rotavirus mono Dose1’ vaccination (this will still be available under the 6W Group).
2. In the Outcome field, select ‘Given’ and administer using the standard process.

Varicella Vaccination

Availability of Varicella Vaccine stocks

The Varicella vaccine is available for immunisation of patients that are eligible. This vaccine has been available for ordering since 14 June 2017.

Practices that have not received their orders should contact ProPharma directly as you would do usually if you have not received an order of your normal scheduled vaccines.

All information on ordering the Varicella vaccine has been included in the Immunisation Schedule Changes information sheet provided by the Ministry of Health:


This information is also available in the GP immunisation update newsletters of 2nd June 2017 and 27th June 2017:


Transitioning patients from the 2014 Immunisation Schedule

The transitioning rules for moving patients from 2014 schedule to the new 2017 schedule are covered in the Release Notes provided as part of the Medtech32 Version 22.9 Build 5424 release (the details are available from page numbers 8–10).

The Release Notes can be found under the Medtech website link provided below:


Please Note: The vaccines coming under the schedule that have been selected for the patient will be displayed under the Immunisation Schedule tab, whereas all the other vaccines, including vaccines provided under the previous schedule will be displayed under the All Immunisation tab.
Further questions on changes to the 2017 Immunisation Schedule

Contacting the Ministry of Health regarding the 2017 Schedule Changes

Medtech recommends that if you have questions relating to the changes in the 2017 Immunisation Schedules that are not related to Medtech32 Version 22.9 Build 5424 then please contact the Immunisation Team at: immunisation@moh.govt.nz.

Access to Medtech Support Chat through Medtech32

If you would like to contact Medtech for clarifications, you can initiate a chat session with our Medtech Support team through Medtech32. Please use the following instructions to access Support Chat:

1. Click the Menu titled ‘Support Chat’.

2. This will open the Medtech website. Click on the Live Support chat link available at the left-hand side corner of the screen.

3. This will pop-up another screen where you can enter your practice details and a brief description of your query. Providing these details will immediately assign a dedicated Support Staff who will be able to assist you with your queries.
Access to Medtech32 Webinar & FAQs for the 2017 Immunisation Schedule Changes

Medtech has released a Webinar with details on the changes that have been implemented for the 2017 Immunisation Schedule.

The Medtech32 Webinar can be viewed via the following link:


A FAQ document was also released along with the Medtech32 Version 22.9 Build 5424 release. The FAQ document can be accessed via the following link:


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