

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC
7TH PHAA National Immunisation Conference;

AGENDA FOR ACTION

The PHAA notes:

- and commends the introduction of universal infant Hep B immunisation;
- recent and ongoing increases in national commitment to improving the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register;
- the policy commitment to measles elimination in Australia and commends the excellent result achieved in the Enhanced Measles Control Campaign;
- commends the funding of the older persons influenza program
- and commends the independent evaluation of the cost effectiveness of financial incentives for providers.

PHAA recommends that:

1. ongoing action plans are developed to continue progress towards a national measles elimination strategy;
2. all vaccines on the ASVS be funded and distributed to immunisation providers in a consistent manner.
3. implementation of recommendations in the recent ACIR evaluation be given priority by all parties including:
 - reducing notification and processing times;
 - specific funding be allocated for collaborative data cleaning activities
 - the placement of HIC officers in states and territories to assist with local data issues
 - the development of self auditing mechanisms so that access to vaccines is limited to vaccine providers whose data is available to the ACIR
 - encouraging a working group of vaccine manufacturers, software suppliers and ACIR to progress integrated electronic recording
4. the capacity of the ACIR be extended to develop a "whole of life" register.
5. Public sector provider incentives should be developed to complement those developed for the private sector as previously recommended in 1998;
6. All immunisation providers should have aligned incentives to collaborate effectively to achieve a high quality national immunisation program, including appropriate targeting of children overdue for immunisation;
7. Further development of the surveillance of vaccine safety in Australia.
8. A national evaluation of the delivery of the adolescent hepatitis B program is undertaken to obtain evidence of compliance with, and effectiveness of the NHMRC recommendations;

9. Continuing emphasis is placed on the certification of immunisation status at entry to child care and school;
10. A working party of the Communicable Diseases Network Australia & New Zealand examines outstanding issues for Q fever diagnosis and control and makes recommendations to ensure a uniform, effective, countrywide approach.

Our Division General Practice is concerned that Hep A and Hepatitis B is not available free to at risk groups eg. HIV pts and IV Drug users

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That a national network of appropriately skilled personnel be established throughout Australia to respond to local media on vaccination issues. This should include responding to the claims of the Anti Vaccination Lobby.

These practitioners should attempt (through timely network emails) to promote similar/uniform themes/facts/rebuttals regarding particular issues.

PHAA notes the urgent need for re-invigoration of global efforts towards immunisation of the world's people, supports the goals of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI), and recommends to the Australian Government that high priority be given to immunisation programs in our overseas aid budget.