

Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

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Role of ACIR Field Officer

Improve accuracy of ACIR data
including

Support to divisions and providers in:

- ▣ Understanding ACIR
- ▣ Improving their regional coverage rates
- ▣ Educating their providers / stakeholders
- ▣ Investigating difficult cases e.g. identifying duplicate children, acting on returned mail.

Topics

- GPII 20A Practice Report
- Division's 32A
- HIC Online
- ACIR Website - Upgrade

20A Practice Report

- ❑ **Feedback data from practice coverage calculations;** Lists the overdue children who have impacted on practice coverage rate.
- ❑ Based on all children under 7 years age who have attended the practice for **any** medical reason, within the reference period (*including 'No History' children*)
- ❑ Does NOT include 'single visit' children
- ❑ Recalculation - opportunity to improve practice coverage rates
- ❑ Produced each GPPII Quarter;
 - February, May, August and November.

Working with the 20A

- ❑ **Ensure that all your practices are receiving their 20A.**

If not: Clinic to call GPII on 1800 246 101

- ❑ Check the 20A against practice records.
- ❑ Report updates electronically to ACIR or send by mail / fax.
- ❑ *Staff can write updates directly on report and send the updated report pages to ACIR by mail.*

Urge clinics to finalise this within 6 weeks (to meet recalculation deadline).

32A Report

Enables you to check your clinics':

- ▣ Performance each quarter
- ▣ Progress over time
- ▣ Easily identify and target those clinics achieving less than 90% immunisation coverage

Every division should be accessing their 32A report.

Currently only 50% of divisions order a 32A report (nationally).

HIC Online

- ❑ Enables transmissions to HIC from a provider's desktop, for Medicare, ACIR and DVA.
- ❑ By 2010, 100 % of claims are expected to be lodged electronically.
- ❑ 1000+ practices have already registered in VIC

Benefits -

- ❑ Streamlined claiming/transmission of clinical info
- ❑ Time saving, Reduced paperwork
- ❑ Real time transactions
- ❑ Improved data integrity – fewer errors and rejections
- ❑ PKI security

ACIR Website - Upgrade

The new version has introduced changes to the *Identify Child* section :-

- ▣ Display of children's records on screen
- ▣ Steps to recording an immunisation encounter

Do you have parental consent ...

... to access the child's information from the ACIR?

Purpose: To reaffirm the Terms and Conditions of using ACIR and the proper release of information under the Privacy Act.

The provider to assess whether consent to access personal information exists.

It is not intended to require providers to specifically contact parents about accessing the child's records on ACIR at each occasion

Parental Consent – Yes or No

GPs and GP staff should choose YES (*generally*):

- ❑ The implied and express consent obtained in the course of providing care and treatment to a child as their patient, is considered sufficient to support a doctor/staff using the ACIR to access a child's records.
- ❑ Division staff will not be required to answer this question – have signed a 46E and have a public health role.

Display of children's information:

Is dependant upon how you answer the question of whether you have parental consent :-

- A provider can view the full history of a child on ACIR by answering 'Yes'

or

- Bypass this information and proceed straight to recording an encounter by answering 'No'.

Information display:

Fully displayed:

- Child Details and Encounter Details

Hidden:

- Due Details
- Immunisation History
- Natural Immunity /Medical
Contraindication Information

To view the full information under these headings, you need to expand the section (by clicking on the hyperlinks, or on the arrow next to the heading).

Recording An Encounter:

- ❑ The encounter details now appear in 'tab' format, by immunisation age.
- ❑ The relevant tab is automatically displayed for you (according to the vaccine details already recorded and their completeness/accuracy)
- ❑ Confirmation of encounter now includes the vaccine details entered.

History Information

You can identify whether an encounter you are about to submit was given:

- By yourself
- By another Australian provider
- Given overseas

New vaccines:

The 'Other' vaccines list has been updated.
(See page 11 in guide)

Includes:

- Pneumococcal vaccines
- Infanrix-Hexa

Hepatitis B - birth dose:

Once the child's birth dose has been recorded on ACIR, this question will disappear from display.

User Guide

Available on the HIC website:

- ▣ *Guide to Identify Child and Record Encounter*

http://www.hic.gov.au/providers/publications_guidelines/acir.htm

- ▣ *(A hyperlink to the document is also available in the Identify Child section.)*