



Welcome to the Hutt Valley Vaccinews newsletter; sharing successes and news across the Hutt Valley DHB

Cold Chain Accreditation (CCA)

A reminder to advise the Immunisation Coordinator of any Cold Chain excursions. The estimated lifetime of a vaccine refrigerator (based on manufactures) is **between 7 and 10 years**. An active replacement plan is recommended during this time. Similarly, data loggers over seven years of age need consideration for replacement.

National guidelines for Cold Chain Accreditation (CCA) are under review. There will be changes to the Cold Chain and you will be updated as these happen.

Interim guidelines for the purchase of chilly bins for off-site immunisations can be downloaded from the IMAC web site www.immune.org.nz, please be aware that these are guidelines and recommendations, and are **NOT** policy yet.

Hospital departments

After considerable planning and organisation the Maternity Assessment Unit (MAU), Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB) are now offering **Flu and Boostrix vaccinations to pregnant patients**. GPs will be advised of the vaccination event via the patient's discharge letter from the department. Julia Small, HVDHB National Immunisation Register (NIR) Coordinator, will enter the vaccination onto the NIR and the vaccination event will message to your practice provider inbox.

Children's ward

Where a child is an inpatient and overdue for vaccination, the ward is notified on a daily basis. If the child is well enough, vaccination is offered with parental consent, prior to discharge. The children's ward is also actively promoting the Influenza vaccine to eligible patients during admission. Vaccination events are entered manually onto the NIR by Julia Small. Practices will be notified via the NIR.

BCG

Limited stocks of BCG were released in March 2016. Our BCG Nurses Melanie Kennedy and Jodie Kelly have been extremely busy with clinics, ensuring that all eligible babies have been offered and given the vaccination. Jodie and Melanie have caught up with the almost 400 babies born during the time when there was no vaccine available. Unfortunately, the current stock expired on **31 May 2016**. An announcement from the Ministry of Health is expected. **Please continue to send referrals**. We will update you with any progress.

IN BRIEF

STAFF

Please advise Julia Small, HVDHB NIR Coordinator, of any new **doctors or nurses** who have joined your practice. Fax or email Julia the **name of the new staff member, their NZNC, NZMC number and their start date**. This information is required to be able to load the provider onto the NIR and link them to your practice ID. If this is not done prior to the doctor or nurse starting any immunisations, and immunisations given by them will be not go onto the NIR, and will go into the NIR error queue to be manually fixed.

HUTT MATERNITY EXPO

Save the date for the Maternity Networking Expo: **Thursday July 7, 2016**, 4.30pm - 7.30pm at the Auditorium, Learning Centre, Hutt Hospital.

ENROLMENTS

Please ensure that birth nominations are accepted at your practice. The nominated provider for each practice varies – this can be a GP, Nurse or Administrator. If the enrolment is declined it creates problems on the NIR.

IMMUNISATION HANDBOOK

This is currently under review. There is a possibility that in the future this may only be produced in electronic form.

We are encouraging you to complete the survey monkey, should you receive this.

School based immunisations

The School Based Immunisation Team are busy vaccinating Year 7 and 8's with HPV and Boostrix. Unfortunately, there is a glitch in the messaging of these immunisations to the NIR. This issue is currently being addressed, however in the interim please phone Nancy - (04) 587 2949, the School Based Immunisation Administrator, in the first instance, or Julia Small and Mieke Finlay who will be able to update you on the vaccination status of your patients.

Measles vaccine

Measles vaccine is free to anyone who needs it; this includes international students and adults who have not had 2 doses of a measles vaccine after 12 months of age.

Adults born before 1 January 1969 are considered to have measles immunity as it was circulating in the community at this time.

Unvaccinated people need 2 doses of MMR vaccine at least 4 weeks apart to be fully protected. Children who have had their 15 months MMR can have their 4 year old MMR dose early as long as it is at least 4 weeks since the first dose.

MoH immunisation targets

We are tracking very well with our targets – currently sitting at 97%; however with six weeks until the end of the current quarter this could change. Thank you all for your hard work in maintaining the target. We appreciate immunisation is just one of your targets in your busy day.

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VIRTUAL CHOCY FISH AWARD

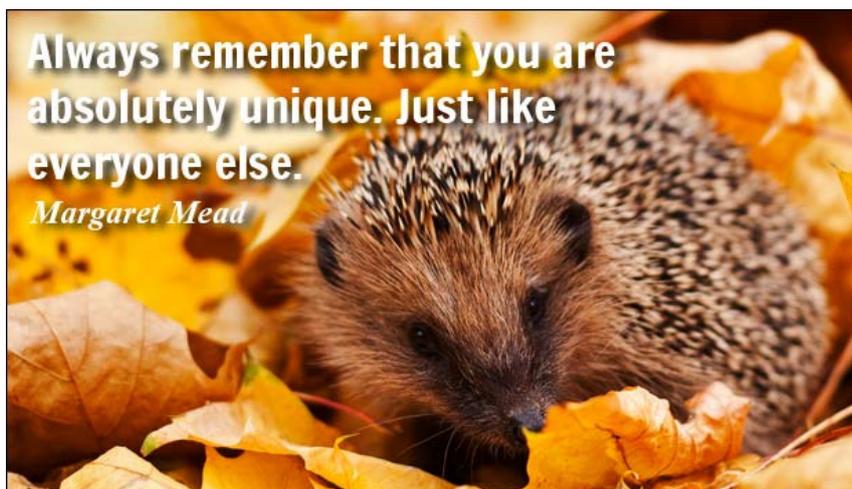
To all our practices for a fantastic effort maintaining our immunisation targets. Awesome!

Happy vaccinating.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."

- Margaret Mead



If there is anything you would like to contribute and/or share for this newsletter please send the information via email to Liz Grinlinton, Hutt Valley Immunisation Coordinator: Elizabeth.Grinlinton@huttvalleydhb.org.nz

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