



## Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

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**TITLE:** Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists

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### 1. Authority:

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

### 2. Scope:

This authorises pharmacists trained in immunisation to administer vaccines at a suitably equipped and staffed place or premises in Western Australia.

### 3. Criteria:

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

<b>Practitioner:</b>	Registered pharmacists who have completed approved training in accordance with Appendix 1
<b>Practice setting:</b>	At a place or premises in Western Australia that complies with Appendix 2
<b>Approved activity:</b>	Administration
<b>Approved medicines:</b>	Vaccines listed in Appendix 3
<b>Medical conditions:</b>	Immunisation of persons aged 16 years and over with vaccines listed in Appendix 3  AND  Immunisation of persons aged between 11 years and 15 years in accordance with the current <a href="#">Western Australian Immunisation Schedule</a> . <sup>1</sup>

### 4. Conditions:

The administration of approved medicines under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

- a. the pharmacist must have successfully completed an approved course of training, which includes training about each of the vaccines the pharmacist will administer;

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<sup>1</sup> This allows pharmacists to initiate administration of HPV and dTpa vaccines to adolescents in Year 7 and MenACWY to adolescents in Year 10.

- b. sites where immunisation is being conducted must be appropriately equipped to treat patients in the event of an anaphylactic reaction;
- c. patient selection and follow up care should be in accordance with Vaccination Procedures contained in the latest version of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*;
- d. written or documented verbal consent must be obtained from the person, parent or guardian, before each instance of vaccination;
- e. all adverse events occurring following immunisation must be notified to the Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system and the patient's nominated General Practitioner;
- f. details of each instance of patient immunisation are to be entered into the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR);
- g. vaccines are procured by a pharmacy registered in WA, as part of pharmacy business carried on at that pharmacy, in accordance with Section 9 of the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014*;
- h. supply and possession of vaccines is conducted by a pharmacy business under the overall authority of the responsible pharmacist in accordance with Section 9 of the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014*;
- i. procurement, storage and administration is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016;
- j. record keeping is in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
- k. storage and transport of the vaccines is in accordance with the *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for 5*.

## 5. References:

- a. *Australian immunisation handbook*. Available at: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>
- b. *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive For 5*. Available at: <https://beta.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-vaccine-storage-guidelines-strive-for-5>
- c. *Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance*. Western Australian Department of Health. Available at: [http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U\\_Z/Western-Australian-Vaccine-Safety-Surveillance-WAVSS](http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/Western-Australian-Vaccine-Safety-Surveillance-WAVSS)
- d. Australian Immunisation Register. Available at: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register>

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## APPENDIX 1

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### Approved Training

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All registered pharmacists administering vaccines in accordance with this SASA must have successfully completed an immunisation course approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health.

Courses delivered by the following organisations are approved:

1. Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (WA Branch);
2. Pharmacy Guild of Australia (WA Branch);
3. University of Western Australia;
4. An equivalent course approved or recognised by another Australian State or Territory Department of Health.

## APPENDIX 2

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### Approved Setting

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Registered pharmacists may only administer vaccines in accordance with this SASA at a place or premises, including a community pharmacy registered in WA, that:

1. Has immediate access to the minimum equipment to safely perform immunisation procedures, in accordance with the latest version of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook* and, has:
  - a. A space where immunisation can be safely performed, that:
    - i. ensures patient privacy and confidentiality;
    - ii. permits the patient to lie prone in the event of a severe adverse event or anaphylactic reaction;
    - iii. offers unhindered access for emergency staff to attend and perform resuscitation procedures;
  - b. An area suitable for direct visual observation of seated patients, for 15 minutes post vaccination;
  - c. Hand washing facilities;
  - d. Equipment for disposal of sharps and clinical waste;
  - e. An in-date, complete anaphylaxis response kit;
  - f. Access to current editions of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook* and *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for 5*; and
  - g. Up-to-date, written procedures covering provision of immunisation services.
2. Has sufficient staffing, during periods of vaccine administration to ensure patient safety in post-vaccination monitoring and adverse event management:

Where a pharmacist is not dedicated to conducting immunisation activities only, there must be additional staff present, who hold current competency in first aid and CPR, and who can immediately assist with management of any emergency situation.

## APPENDIX 3

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### Approved Medicines

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Registered pharmacists may administer the following vaccines in accordance with this SASA:

1. measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) combination vaccine
2. diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (dTpa) combination vaccine
3. meningococcal ACWY conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine
4. human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV)