

North Road Medical

Caring medicine to the whole family



No Jab, No Pay

New Immunisation Requirements for Family Assistance Payments

Only parents of children (less than 20 years of age) who are fully immunised or are on a recognised catch-up schedule can receive the Child Care Benefit, the Child Care Rebate and the Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement. The relevant vaccinations are those under the National Immunisation Program (NIP), which covers the vaccines usually administered before age five.

Children with medical contraindications or natural immunity for certain diseases will continue to be exempt from the requirements.

Conscientious objection and vaccination objection on non-medical grounds will no longer be a valid exemption from immunisation requirements.

Families eligible to receive family assistance payments and have children less than 20 years of age, who may not meet the new immunisation requirements, will be notified by Centrelink. <http://www.immunise.gov.health.au>

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Physiotherapy - Isaac Spivak
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Healthscope Pathology

Surgery Opening Hours

Mon-Fri: 8am-6.30pm
Sat: 8am-12.30pm
Sun: Closed
Public Holidays: Closed

Online booking available at:
www.northroadmedical.com.au

FREE CATCH-UP children under 10

From 1 January 2016
free NIP vaccines for all
children less than **10**
years of age

FREE CATCH-UP young persons 10 - 19

From 1 January 2016 to
31 December 2017 free
catch up available in
order to receive family
assistance payment

FREE NIP CATCH UP VACCINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR PRACTICE

'No Jab No Play'

The Victorian state Government's recently proposed 'No Jab, No Play' legislation will be effective from the 1st of January 2016.

The aim of these changes is to improve vaccination rates and reduce the spread of vaccine preventable diseases. It will require confirmation of vaccination status when enrolling for childcare. Similar legislation is already in place in NSW and Queensland. Under the new 'No Jab, No Play' legislation, before enrolling a child, early childhood services will have to first obtain evidence that the child is: fully immunised for their age OR on a vaccination catch-up program OR unable to be fully immunised for medical reasons. 'Conscientious objection' is not an exemption under the 'No Jab No Play' legislation.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/no-jab-no-play.htm>



Maternal Vaccination during Pregnancy

From 1st June 2015, the whooping cough vaccine can be accessed free in Victoria. Ideally the vaccine should be administered between 28-32 weeks gestation, but can be administered at anytime up to 38 weeks gestation. It is recommended that a pertussis containing vaccine be administered with every pregnancy to optimise protection.

<http://www.mvec.vic.edu.au>

Meningococcal B Vaccine

Meningococcal disease is a rare but serious bacterial infection of the blood and or brain. The most vulnerable groups are infants less than 1

year of age and people aged 15-19 years of age. There is a non- government funded vaccine currently available. We encourage you to speak with their GP or nurse to find out more.

<https://health.gsk.com.au>

Zostavax

97% of Australians adults have been exposed to the chickenpox virus and 1 in 3 will develop shingles during their life time. Half of shingles patients over 50 may develop long term pain due to nerve damage called postherpetic neuralgia, which is difficult to treat and may persist for months, even years. There is a non-government funded vaccine available. Please discuss this with your GP or nurse.

<http://www.notoutofthewoods.com.au>

SKIN CANCER

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. At least 2 in 3 Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. The major cause of skin cancer is exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and other artificial sources, such as solariums. The good news is that skin cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer in Australia. Over 95% of skin cancers can be successfully treated if found early. Please talk to your doctor about skin check.

