

Immunisation Course Online - Free to register!

The Australian Practice Nurse Association together with the Australian Divisions of General Practice, the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, has developed online immunisation education modules for Practice Nurses.

These FREE learning activities can be accessed online and used by Practice Nurses to update their immunisation knowledge. This is an interactive and enjoyable way to learn, and provides useful links to other sources of information!

To access this free course, simply click on the link below and fill out the registration form. You will be contacted with your free user account details and a link to the online course

<http://www.apna.asn.au/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=95658>

The six activities focus on:

- Management of four vaccination processes: pre-vaccination, administration, documentation and post care
- Processes within the practice and associated issues: ordering vaccinations, transport and storage, practice incentive payments, Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) immunisation rates, recall and reminders and vaccination clinics
- Basics of immunisation: immune system, vaccine action, public health benefits, and some of the arguments and myths in immunisation
- Building your awareness and knowledge of prevention: using the Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule, understanding more about travel health, and improving awareness of preventable diseases
- Recognising medico-legal issues: vaccine administration regulations, Medicare item requirements, nurse responsibility, and staying up-to-date
- Understanding the issues relating to special groups: develop a vaccination policy and program for your medical practice.

Please note:

- It is not a requirement that you are an APNA member to register for this course
- This course does not enable a Practice Nurse to become an accredited immuniser
- The course includes six activities, each activity takes approximately one hour to complete.

All activities refer to The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition 2008, which provides guidance on vaccination practice, as recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). The handbook is available online at

www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook-home