



Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

TITLE: Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists

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 Registered Pharmacy in Western Australia.

3. Criteria:

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

Practitioner:	Registered pharmacists who have completed approved training in accordance with Appendix 1
Practice setting:	At a Registered Pharmacy in Western Australia that complies with Appendix 2
Approved activity:	Administration
Approved medicines:	Vaccines listed in Appendix 3
Medical conditions:	Immunisation of persons aged 16 years of age and over

4. Conditions:

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

- The pharmacist must have successfully completed an approved course of training;
- Sites where immunisation is being conducted must be appropriately equipped to treat patients in the event of an anaphylactic reaction;
- Patient selection and follow up care should be in accordance with Vaccination Procedures contained in the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*;
- 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. Procurement, storage and administration is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016;
- h. Record keeping is in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
- i. 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
- d. *Australian Immunisation Register*. Available at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register-health-professionals>

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APPENDIX 1

Approved Training

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

Approved Setting

Registered pharmacists may only administer vaccines in accordance with this SASA at a community pharmacy registered in WA.

1. The pharmacy must have minimum equipment to safely perform immunisation procedures, in accordance with the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*, and as below:
 - a. Screened area or private room ensuring:
 - i. Patient privacy and confidentiality;
 - ii. Sufficient space to comfortably accommodate patient, carer, immuniser and all required immunisation equipment;
 - iii. That in the event of a severe adverse or anaphylactic reaction the patient can safely lie prone and there is access for emergency staff to perform resuscitation procedures without hindrance;
 - b. 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. In-date, complete anaphylaxis response kit;
 - f. Access to current editions of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook* and *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for 5*;
 - g. Up-to-date, written procedures covering provision of immunisation services.

2. The pharmacy must maintain minimum staffing during vaccination service periods to ensure patient safety in post-vaccination monitoring and adverse event management:
 - a. Ideally, at least two pharmacists will be available on-site during any immunisation period, and where this is not possible, the pharmacy must have additional staff on-site holding a current first aid and CPR certificate that can assist with follow up care or management of an emergency situation; and
 - b. Workflow must allow the pharmacist conducting immunisations to be able to provide uninterrupted care to individual patients during assessment, vaccine administration and follow up care.

APPENDIX 3

Approved Medicines

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

1. measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) combination
2. diphtheria-tetanus- acellular pertussis (dTpa) combination
3. meningococcal ACWY conjugate