

HPV vaccination records are moving to the AIR

Vaccination providers

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine doses can now be recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). This makes it easier for healthcare providers to find information about their patient's HPV vaccinations.

The AIR is a national register that records all vaccinations given to people of all ages in Australia, including through school vaccination programs.

The HPV vaccine is funded under Australia's National Immunisation Program and usually given to school children aged 12 or 13. Before 10 September 2018, the National HPV Vaccination Program Register operated by the Victorian Cytology Service Foundation kept records of HPV vaccinations. These records have been transferred to the AIR.

What the changes mean for your practice

The changes mean that all vaccination information will now be kept in one place. You can check and print the vaccination records for your patients using the AIR site. For more information about how to access the AIR site, go to the [AIR for health professionals](#) page on the Department of Human Services website.

To help with the transition, the VCS Foundation will keep accepting HPV vaccination records until 31 October 2018. From 1 November 2018, the VCS Foundation will no longer accept HPV vaccination records – you must record these on the AIR.

HPV vaccinations will now be included in AIR reports. These reports can help you identify patients attending your practice who are overdue for vaccination. The Department of Human Services website provides information on the [reports available from the AIR](#).

This change only affects where HPV vaccination information is recorded. There is no change to the National Immunisation Program Schedule.

What you need to do

Record any HPV vaccinations you give on the AIR, using your practice management software or the AIR site. Make sure you have the latest version of the software, including any updates. In June 2018, the Department of Human Services sent all registered software vendors an update that included two new (optional) fields for all vaccines: school names, and vaccine batch numbers. State and territory health departments are working with school-based providers to support the new reporting arrangements.

You should encourage your patients to make sure the personal details they have recorded with Medicare are up to date. The AIR uses the address and other details that they have with Medicare, and these might be different to the details they provided for the HPV Register.

Patients can also choose to record their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status in their Medicare details.

Patients can update their Medicare details using their Medicare online account through [myGov](#), or using the [Express Plus Medicare mobile app](#).

More information

See [Using the AIR](#) for more information.