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Catching up on Immunisation Post-Pandemic

Catchup requests from GPs

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, and pay respect to their elders both past and present.

North Metropolitan Health Service recognises, respects and values Aboriginal cultures as we walk a new path together.



Background

- MCDC provides service to General Practice preparing catch up plans for patients under 20 and Splenectomy patients
- Faxes and emails – not all required information included
- New REDCap system for requests implemented July 2023



REDCap request form



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Immunisation Catch Up Plan Request Form

When to use this form

- To request assistance from Metropolitan Communicable Disease Control (MCDC) with immunisation catch up plans.
- We can only provide suggested catch-up plans for people **up to 20 years of age** and patients of any age with **asplenia or pre/post splenectomy**.
- We can only provide catch up plans for residents of the **Perth metropolitan area**. If your patient resides in regional WA, contact the relevant [public health unit](#).
- We only create complete catch-up schedules based on the latest updates from the [WA Immunisation Schedule](#) and the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#). We are unable to provide catch-up schedules based on **specific parental preference**.
- If you wish to attach a proposed catch-up plan worked out by the doctor or nurse at the practice, MCDC can check the plan for you.

How to use this form

- If the request is **urgent**, please note this in the special circumstances section on the form.
- When attaching overseas records, please make sure these are **legible** and each page has the child's name and date of birth.
- Separate requests need to be sent for each child in the same family.
- Most fields are mandatory to ensure we have all the information required to develop a suitable catch-up plan.
- There is no need to use the online catch-up calculator when submitting this request. This tool should only be used in conjunction with the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

For assistance, contact the MCDC Immunisation Team via NM.MCDCImmunisationTeam@health.wa.gov.au or 9222 8588

Practice Information

Date of Request


* must provide value

 Today D-M-Y

Practice Name

*If you cannot find your practice, please select **PRACTICE NOT IN THE LIST***

* must provide value



*You may use the dropdown list or start typing to find your practice



How many catch up plans?

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2020	0	0	0	498	498
2021	233	197	209	124	763
2022	137	79	207	229	652
2023	304	294	304		902

Who is requesting catch up plans?

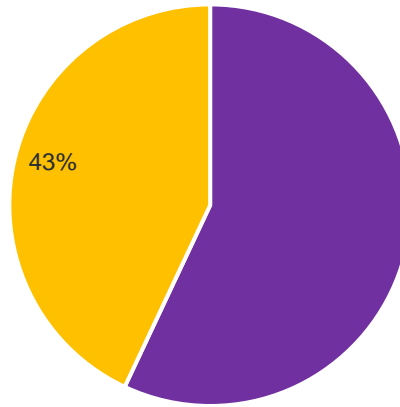


- 95 different practices
- Top 10 practices - requesting between 7 and 18 catch up plans in Q3 2023



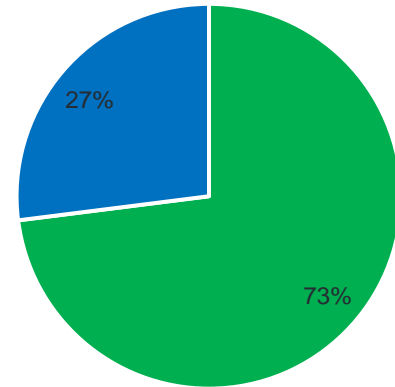
Who are the requests for catch up plans for?

Medicare/No Medicare



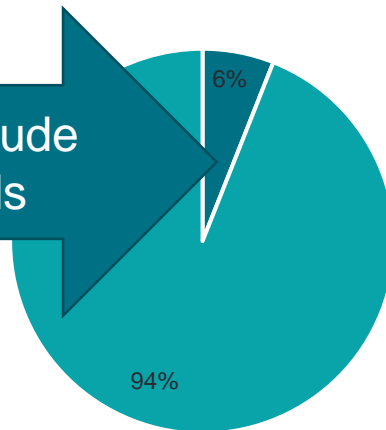
■ With Medicare ■ No Medicare

Overseas immunisations



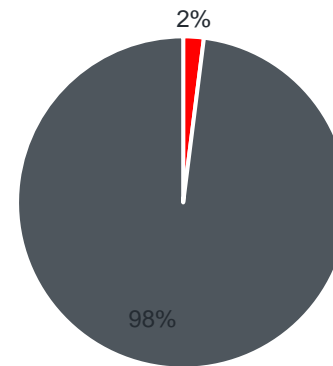
■ Overseas immunisations ■ No overseas immunisations

Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal



■ Aboriginal ■ Non-Aboriginal (includes Unknown)

Medically at risk



■ Medically at risk ■ Not medically at risk

Does not include Mooditj kids

Where are the
overseas
children and
young people
from ?



Top 10 Countries

India

New Zealand

South Africa

Bhutan

China

Bangladesh

Philippines

Pakistan

Malaysia

United Kingdom

Why are the catch up plans requested?

Special Circumstance	Total	Proportion
Splenectomy	4	1%
School Entry	81	27%
Childcare Entry	46	15%
Pre-kindy/Kindy	28	9%
Other	34	11%
None	134	44%

Working with Practices

- Attempted catch up plans are encouraged and checked as a priority
- MCDC also provides catch up education to practices
- WAPHA are working to encourage more practice nurses to get their immunisation certificate
- WAPHA are also running immunisation education sessions for practice nurses including on preparing catch up plans



Conclusions and acknowledgements

- The new REDCap system for requesting immunisation catch up support allows us to prepare better quality catch up plans in a more timely manner and to analyse the data we capture in the process
- Thanks to the Public Health Intelligence Team who built the new system and provided stats from the system for this presentation



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