

A Guide for General Practice: What is a GPII020A Practice Report?

The *GPII020A Practice Report* identifies children under 7 years of age who are considered overdue for immunisation (according to ACIR as at the report date) and who have attended your practice at least twice within the 12-month reference period.

The GPII calculation is done quarterly in February, May, August and November and GPII020A reports are sent to practices who have children assessed as overdue for immunisation.

This report provides the practice with the opportunity to:

- monitor the immunisation status of children registered with the practice who are < 7 years old
- send reminders to children who are not fully immunised
- correct ACIR data for each child <7 years of age so the practice coverage rate is accurate
- reconcile practice immunisation data with the ACIR's immunisation data
- improve your practice's childhood immunisation percentages.

The following checklist may help guide your actions when you receive your *GPII020A Practice Report*. It may be useful for the designated practice staff member to set aside some time each quarter to review and action the GPII020A report.

CHECKLIST:

- Check that the provider list on the report is correct.**

Notify PIP of any incorrect provider information on 1800 222 032 e.g. GP has left or joined the practice. (This list is located on the second page of the report).

- Is this the latest report?**

Check Reference Period & Quarter. (Reports are sent for Feb, May, Aug & Nov quarters).

This example is for the May 2008 report for the period from January to December 2007

FOR REFERENCE PERIOD:	01JAN2007 TO 31DEC2007
QUARTER:	MAY2007
GPII ASSESSMENT DATE:	20MAY2008
REPORT CURRENT AS AT:	10JUN2008

- Are the child's details correct?**

If not, correct the child's details and post or fax back to ACIR on 08 9254 4810.

Medicare Number:11223344559 Surname: PATIENT Given name: Jessica Initial: R DOB: 25/08/2007 Gender: FEMALE Current ACIR Immunisation Status: NOT FULLY IMMUNISED Child Address Details 123 HIGH STREET ADELAIDE 5000

- Identify vaccinations due and overdue.**

Due and Overdue Details			
Disease	Dose	Date Due	Date Overdue
Prevenar	3	17/03/2008	17/04/2008
HIB Schedule B	3	17/03/2008	25/08/2008
Hepatitis B	3	17/03/2008	25/08/2008

- Is the child's overdue status correct?**

Check the 'Child Vaccination Details' section for errors in dose number, vaccine and date of service, e.g. Infanrix-Hexa incorrectly recorded as Infanrix-IPV.

Which combinations of vaccinations are required based on previous vaccinations?

If uncertain, refer to:

- current National Immunisation Program schedule (NIPSA), The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition 2008
- Department of Health, South Australia 'Catch Up Calculator'
- Immunisation Section, Department of Health, phone: 8226 7177.

If a provider at your practice gave these vaccinations but they DO NOT appear on GPII020A, add these details to bottom of page as follows:

Immunisations given by provider 1234567X:

Prevenar dose 3, date given 01/04/2008

Infanrix-Hexa dose 3, date given 01/04/2008 (not Infanrix-IPV)

Notify ACIR of the missing vaccine details either by phone 1800 653 809 or fax the notated GPII020A statement to ACIR (08) 9254 4810 or record the missing encounter details on the ACIR secure site.

- **Recall patient.**
If the child is not fully immunised according to both the GPII Practice Report and practice records, contact the parent/carer to arrange an appointment.
If the child has been vaccinated elsewhere, obtain vaccine details from the parent/carer and update your client records. Notify ACIR of the missing vaccine history record on the Immunisation History form or record the missing encounter details on the ACIR secure site under 'another provider performed this encounter in Australia'.
- **Update child's immunisation record.**
Document as per usual practice all vaccinations given to recalled children.
Document all recall attempts.
'Child Vaccination Details' can also be used to update the child's immunisation history at the practice.
- **Send amended records to ACIR.**
Report vaccinations given to recalled children as per usual practice.
Original copies may be kept at the practice for future reference.
Children who have attended your practice for 2 or more visits in a short period of time e.g. while on holidays, may continue to appear on GPII020A as overdue. **GPII020A reports are sent to all practices that the child has attended for 2 or more visits during the reference period.** If the child is immunised by their regular GP, then they will count as fully immunised in your coverage rate. If the child is not recalled, then they will continue to appear on your GPII020A reports as overdue for approximately 12 months.

Useful Phone Numbers:

PIP	1800 222 032
GPII Enquiries	1800 246 101
ACIR Field Officer - Patricia Berryman	8274 9310
ACIR enquiries	1800 653 809
ACIR internet enquiries	1300 650 039
gpns Local Immunisation Coordinator - Julie O'Brien	8374 7000
Immunisation Section, Department of Health	8226 7177

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if the child changes address?

A: Provide current address details if those on the GPII Practice Report are incorrect.
(As ACIR cannot change a client's address unless notified by the Medicare card holder, please encourage the child's parent/carer to contact Medicare with the correct details).

Q: What if the child has moved overseas?

A: Notify ACIR of the date the child permanently left Australia. Contact ACIR on 1800 653 803 or notify in writing and fax to (08) 9254 4810.

Q: What if the vaccines were given overseas?

A: Complete the Immunisation History form with the vaccination given, date, dose number and cross the 'given overseas' box. Vaccines given overseas may be done at different time intervals than in Australia, e.g. 2 months = dose 1 DTPa, 3 months = dose 2 DTPa.

Note: Indicating vaccines were given overseas without providing specific details, will not enable ACIR to update the child's record. If the dates of vaccination are not available but the provider believes the child is age - appropriately immunised, then they can sign the 'OR' section on the Immunisation History form and notate the 'Date next vaccination due'.

Q: What if the child was on holidays or is from interstate OR no longer attends this practice?

A: Providing this information will not prevent a child from showing up on the GPII020A report. Archive client files that no longer attend the practice or have moved interstate/overseas.

Q: What if the child has an alias?

A: Although this information is not recorded on the child's record, it is useful to identify whether there may be another registration for the child under a different name via the parent.

Q: What if we are unable to contact the child's parent/carer?

A: Providing this information will not prevent a child from showing up on the GPII020A report; place an alert on the practice system for contact details to be updated on the next visit.

Q: What if the parent/carer objects to their child being immunised?

A: Parents/carers who do not wish to have their child immunised should be encouraged to complete a conscientious objection form with their GP. Once the conscientious objection form has been registered with ACIR, then the parents/carers are able to access childcare benefits and the maternity immunisation allowance. The conscientious objection form is registered against the individual Medicare card number. Therefore, if a child is registered on multiple Medicare cards then a conscientious objection form is required for each Medicare card number.

Q: What if the child has had chicken pox and the parents don't want the child to have varicella vaccine?

A: If the child has had the varicella disease, natural immunity should be documented on GP letterhead including the child's name, date of birth, address and Medicare card number and faxed to ACIR/GPII on (03) 6281 0555.

Q: What documentation is required for the child who is undergoing medical treatment that prohibits vaccination at the current time?

A: A Medical Contraindication form can be completed indicating why the child will not receive a vaccine or until what date the vaccinations will be deferred. Fax the form to ACIR/GPII on (03) 6281 0555.