Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

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| **TITLE:** | **Administration of Meningococcal ACWY Vaccines by Registered Nurses** |

1. **Authority:**

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*.

1. **Scope:**

This authorises Registered Nurses trained in immunisation to administer meningococcal ACWY vaccines as part of a Targeted WA Meningococcal Outbreak Response.

1. **Criteria:**

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

| **Practitioner:** | Registered Nurses who have completed approved training in accordance with Appendix 1 |
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| **Practice setting:** | When employed by, or contracted to provide services to, WA Health, Local Government, Department of Corrective Services, or a Health Service that is a member of the Aboriginal Health Council of WA. |
| **Approved activity:** | Administration  |
| **Approved medicines:** | Meningococcal ACWY vaccine  |
| **Medical conditions:** | Immunisation:* of individuals aged 6 weeks and above specified in a current Targeted WA Meningococcal Outbreak Response;
* in locations specified in a current Targeted WA Meningococcal Outbreak Response*.*
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1. **Conditions:**

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

* 1. The patient is being treated in a location specified in a current Targeted WA Meningococcal Outbreak Response, issued by the Communicable Disease Control Directorate (CDCD) of the Western Australian Department of Health.
	2. The Registered Nurse has successfully completed an immunisation training course approved by the CEO or delivered by a Registered Training Organisation, as per Appendix 1;
	3. Sites where immunisation is being conducted must be appropriately equipped to treat patients in the event of an anaphylactic reaction;
	4. Patient selection, vaccine administration and follow up care should be in accordance with the Part 2 of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*;
	5. Written or documented verbal consent must be obtained from the person, parent or guardian, before each instance of vaccination;
	6. All vaccines administered must be recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR);
	7. All adverse events occurring following immunisation must be notified to the Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system;
	8. The medicines are procured by an authorised person or an appropriate Medicines and Poisons Permit holder;
	9. Procurement, storage and administration is in accordance with Part 9 of the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*;
	10. Record keeping is in accordance with Part 12 of the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*; and
	11. Storage and transport of the vaccines is in accordance with the *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for 5*.
1. **References:**
2. Australian immunisation handbook - July 2018. Available at: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>
3. *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines 2013: Strive For 5.* 2nd ed. Canberra: Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing. Available at: <https://beta.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-vaccine-storage-guidelines-strive-for-5>
4. *Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance.* Western Australian Department of Health, 2016. Available at: <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/Western-Australian-Vaccine-Safety-Surveillance-WAVSS>
5. *Australian Immunisation Register.* Available at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register-health-professionals>
6. **Issued by:**

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| **Date:**  | 17 June 2019 |

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**APPENDIX 1**

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| **Approved Training** |

All Registered Nurses administering a vaccine in accordance with this SASA must have successfully completed an immunisation course approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health, or an equivalent course provided by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or a university, and must maintain their competency through yearly updates.

Approved courses must require participants to demonstrate satisfactory knowledge, understanding and minimum competencies in the following areas:

1. Storage, transport and handling of vaccines (cold chain);
2. Obtaining informed consent for vaccination;
3. Indications and contraindications for vaccination;
4. Administration of vaccines as per National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Immunisation Guidelines;
5. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);
6. Diagnosis and management of anaphylaxis; and
7. Documentation of vaccination and critical incidents.