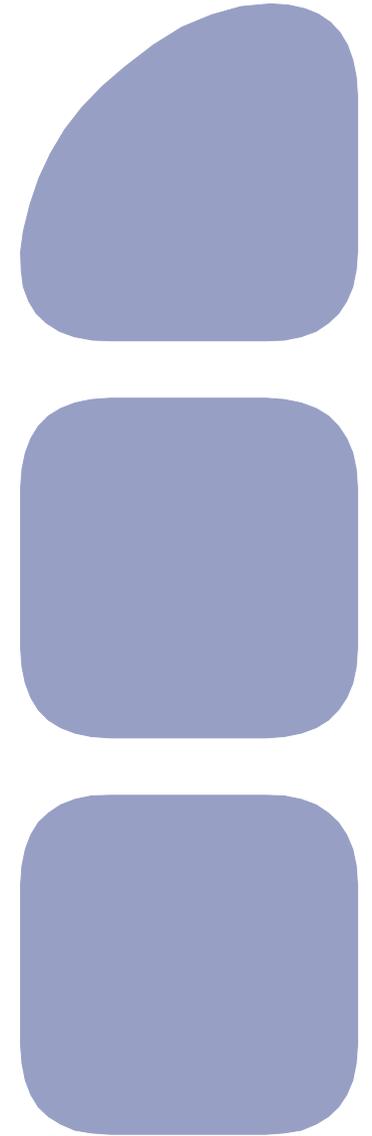




Immunisation clinical competency assessment

A guide for immunisation providers



This clinical competency assessment guide will assist individuals in identifying levels of competency in their immunisation practice.

This guide is ***purely optional*** and may be used for:

- immunisation providers wishing to improve their competence and confidence in their practice.
- immunisation providers new to immunisation,
- immunisation providers who have completed an immunisation course,
- experienced immunisation providers as part of their performance review,
- employers to include as part of an orientation process

As the name suggests, this tool provides a guide for a spectrum of immunisation providers. Some providers may only need to have 1 attempt, whilst others may require several (more than 2) attempts in order to meet the competencies. Immunisation providers are advised to use their discretion with regards to the number of assessments required.

Please note that this assessment is not a mandatory requirement of the immunisation course. *Understanding vaccines and the national immunisation program* covers comprehensive clinical knowledge relating to immunisation.

Competencies	Tick if successfully demonstrated	
	1	2
<p>Reviews client history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identifies any risk categories as listed in the Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH) ➤ Identifies which specific vaccines are recommended and scheduled ➤ Confirms the vaccine history through checking all immunisation records ➤ Identifies if catch up vaccines are necessary and plans appropriately 		
<p>Pre vaccination assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Accurately screens the client prior to immunising, following the recommended checklist in Table 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 in the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 10th Ed. ➤ Correctly identifies contraindications to vaccination and responds appropriately 		
<p>Consent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identifies the individual is legally able to provide valid consent ➤ Uses appropriate resources to assist with the consent process ➤ Provides relevant information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ risks and benefits of each vaccine including common and rare reactions, ○ advice on what to do if they are concerned about a reaction following vaccination ○ how to report an adverse reaction ○ the requirement to remain in the area for at least 15 minutes after vaccination ➤ Can effectively respond to questions and concerns raised ➤ Correctly obtains valid consent prior to vaccinating 		

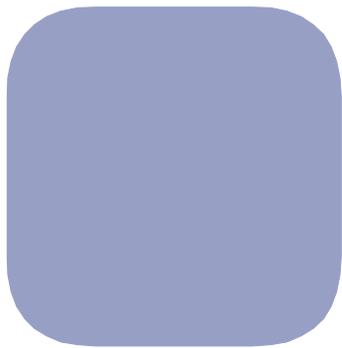
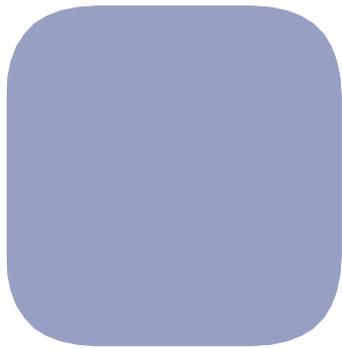
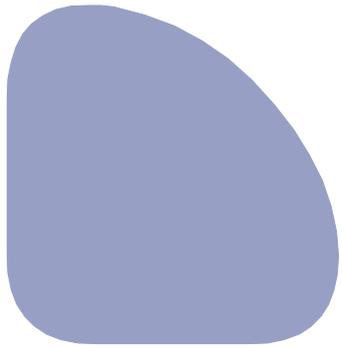
<p>Anaphylaxis management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensures appropriate availability of an anaphylaxis kit ➤ Be able to differentiate between a vasovagal, Hypotensive Hypotonic Episode (HHE) and anaphylaxis ➤ States the management of anaphylaxis 		
<p>Preparing to vaccinate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aware of national guidelines for vaccine storage and handling ➤ Can correctly identify a breach of vaccine storage conditions and respond appropriately ➤ Can confirm the correct vaccine/s and the correct dose required prior to selection ➤ Selects the correct vaccines/s and confirms suitability for use ➤ Reconstitutes vaccines appropriately where required ➤ Complies with all recommendations for administration of vaccines as per chapter 2.2 of the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 10th Ed, Administration of Vaccines. 		
<p>Positioning for vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identifies the correct injection site for specific age groups ➤ Can effectively communicate with parent/caregiver in regards to requirements for suitable positioning and holding of children and infants ➤ Effectively positions clients allowing good access to injection site 		
<p>Vaccination technique</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identifies the appropriate needle size and length as required for specific individuals ➤ Selects correct route of administration for each vaccine ➤ Uses the correct administration technique for each vaccine ➤ Disposes of all equipment appropriately 		

<p>Post vaccination care</p> <p>This information should already have been discussed during the consent process</p> <p>Clarify any concerns the client may have and highlight the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ how to report an adverse reaction ➤ the requirement to remain in the area for at least 15 minutes ➤ next vaccination appointment 		
<p>Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Documents all necessary details in the appropriate records and files. ➤ Submits all necessary details to relevant immunisation registers. 		

It is recommended that the assessment be carried out by experienced immunisation providers (i.e. successfully completed an immunisation course), in accordance with the current edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

Assessment carried out by	Assessment 1	Assessment 2
Print full name		
Signature		
Date of assessment		
Assessment venue		

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