

Practice Management Software

Advice following the National Immunisation Program Schedule Changes - 1 July 2018

The National Immunisation Program (NIP) Immunisation Schedule changed on 1 July 2018.

It is important that immunisation providers upgrade their practice management software to the latest version once it is released. Where there are delays in the software release, providers must use the advice from the software provider to ensure all immunisation encounters are recorded accurately and transmitted to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Dose numbers accepted by AIR are detailed below.

AIR requires timely and accurate information as this is used for a range of purposes, including assessing eligibility for family payments, entry to child care and school and assessing coverage.

The following information has been sought from practice management software companies regarding the latest changes. This list is not exhaustive and further advice can be sought directly from the companies.

Practice Management Software Latest version	Advice
MedicalDirector (MD) Version: 3.17.3a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD has not released a software update and it is expected in the upcoming release this summer. Vaccinations that do not appear on the NIP Schedule pop-up box can be recorded using the 'Enter another type of vaccination' and the instructions are available on the MD website. Further information: MD website or 1300 300 161
Best Practice (BP) Version: Indigo, Revision 1 (released 17 August 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BP released Indigo Revision 1 on 17 August 2018 which now supports the changes to the National Immunisation Program Release notes are available on BP website. Further information: BP website or 1300 401 111
ZedMed Version 29.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZedMed version 29.2 has been updated to support the changes to the National Immunisation Program. Further information: ZedMed website or 1300 933 000
Genie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genie allows the user to update the immunisation list manually and a software update is not required. Further information: Genie website or 1300 889 362
MedTech Version: 10.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MedTech Evolution Immunisation Schedule has been updated and instruction guide available on MedTech website. Further information: MedTech website or 1800 148 165
GuildCare NG Version: 2.0.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharmacy based software Pharmacists can now enter their pharmacy's AIR Immunisation provider number in the admin section within GuildCare NG and this will activate the new automatic reporting capability to AIR. AIR Integration Information Further information: Guildcare website or 1300 859 328
Communicare (Telstra Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant vaccines are now available and have a code for transmission to AIR. Further information: Communicare website or 1800 798 441

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**The version of software currently installed at your practice can be usually viewed on the login screen*

Dose numbers accepted by AIR following 1 July 2018 schedule changes

Dose numbers may vary depending on whether the child has been vaccinated in accordance with the NIP schedule.

Age	Disease	Vaccine	Dose (sequence) number
12 months	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix	Dose 1 (if a child has had previous accepted doses, subsequent doses will be sequential)
12 months	Pneumococcal	Prevenar®13	Dose 3 (if child has received 2 previous and is receiving 12 month schedule dose as per schedule changes 1 July 2018) Dose 4 (if child has received 3 previous doses and parent/carer wants 12 month schedule dose or at risk of IPD or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
18 months	Haemophilus influenzae type b	Act-HIB or Menitorix (WA only)	Dose 4 (if child has received 3 previous doses, usually as a combined vaccine at 6 weeks, 4 and 6 months).