





Australian Vaccinology Course

DAY 1

Thursday 28 August 2025

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How are vaccines and vaccination programs developed?

Time	Session	Facilitators
8:15 a.m.	Registration opens	
9:00 a.m.	Session open Acknowledgement of Country Opening remarks	Uncle Craig Madden Professor Kristine Macartney Professor Nicholas Wood
9:30 a.m.	 Vaccination in 2025 Learning objective Analyse challenges and opportunities facing vaccination programs in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region Lecture (25 mins) Global vaccination strategies and coverage Challenges facing vaccination in 2025 Q&A (5 mins) 	Professor Kristine Macartney
10:00 a.m.	How vaccines work Learning objective Describe how vaccines create immunity in patients across the lifespan Lecture (40 mins) The immune system How vaccines induce protection Types of vaccines Q&A (10 mins)	Professor Katie Flanagan
10:50 a.m.	Morning tea	

Time	Session	Facilitators
11:05 a.m.	Vaccines from research to implementation Learning objective Outline the process of vaccine development, from research to implementation, in high- and low-/middle- income settings Lecture (20 mins) Manufacturing and clinical trials Regulatory agencies Case study (20 mins) Vaccines from research to implementation Q&A (10 mins)	Professor Chris Blyth Professor Helen Marshall
11:55 a.m.	Measuring the impact of vaccination Learning objective Measure the impact of vaccination on disease burden, and vaccine effectiveness using surveillance data and coverage assessments Lecture and case studies (35 mins) Vaccine preventable disease surveillance Vaccine effectiveness Vaccine coverage Lecture and case study (20 mins) Data linkage Q&A (10 mins)	Professor Peter McIntyre Professor Bette Liu
1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
2:00 p.m.	Measuring the impact of vaccination (cont.) Case study (20 mins) Measuring the impact of vaccines – hepatitis A vaccination program	Associate Professor Aditi Dey Ms Katrina Clark
2:20 p.m.	 Decision making for vaccine policy Learning objective Describe evidence-based approaches to vaccination program decision-making processes Lectures (35 mins) Immunisation program principles Decision making for vaccination programs Q&A (5 mins) Case study (15 mins) Introducing new vaccines: HPV in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region 	Professor Allen Cheng Professor Julia Brotherton

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3:15 p.m.	Afternoon tea	
3:30 p.m.	Decision making for vaccine policy (cont.) Activity (105 mins) Decision making for introducing new vaccines	Professor Allen Cheng Professor Katie Flanagan Professor Michelle Giles
5:15 p.m.	Day 1 closing remarks	Professor Nicholas Wood
5:30 p.m.	Session close	

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DAY 2 Friday 29 August 2025

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How are uptake, effectiveness and safety of vaccine programs implemented and monitored?

Time	Session	Facilitators
9:00 a.m.	Session open • Acknowledgement of Country • Opening remarks	Professor Nicholas Wood
9:10 a.m.	Vaccine safety Learning objectives Explain the principles of vaccine safety, including reporting of adverse events following immunisation Apply the principles of public risk communication to a vaccine safety issue Lecture (75 mins) Principles and illustrative examples of vaccine safety Principles of causality assessment Lecture (20 mins) Principles of vaccine risk communication Panel discussion and Q&A (20 mins) Vaccine safety and public confidence	Professor Kristine Macartney Professor Michael Gold Professor Julie Leask Professor Allen Cheng
11:05 a.m.	Morning tea	
11:20 a.m.	 Increasing vaccine uptake Learning objectives Critique the main explanatory models and frameworks used to explain low vaccination coverage Apply evidence on the strategies that increase uptake to a realworld scenario Lecture (20 mins) Factors affecting people's ability or decision to vaccinate Real-world strategies to increase vaccination coverage Q&A (5 mins) Activity (80 mins) Interactive hypothetical scenario 	Professor Julie Leask Professor Nicholas Wood
1:05 p.m.	Lunch	

Time	Session	Facilitators
2:05 p.m.	Immunisation in a changing world – future challenges Learning objective Analyse challenges and opportunities facing vaccination programs in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region Lecture and panel discussion (40 mins) Challenges facing vaccination and public health in 2025	Associate Professor Meru Sheel (Chair) Professor Julia Brotherton Professor Katie Flanagan Professor Nicholas Wood Ms Katrina Clark
2:45 p.m.	Afternoon tea	
3:00 p.m	Immunisation in a changing world – future challenges (cont.) Lecture (25 mins) Disease elimination/eradication – what does this mean in 2025? Q&A (5 mins) Panel (35 mins) Disease eradication – real possibility or pipe dream?	Professor Peter McIntyre (Chair) Professor Katie Flanagan Associate Professor Meru Sheel Professor Allen Cheng Professor Kristine Macartney
4:05 p.m.	Immunisation in a changing world – future opportunities Presentation (25 mins) Local and global initiatives to increase vaccination coverage	Professor Kristine Macartney
4:30 p.m.	Panel (25 mins) Answering remaining participant questions from throughout the course	Professor Nicholas Wood (Chair)
4:55 p.m.	Closing remarks	Professor Kristine Macartney
5:00 p.m.	Session close	
To be followed by reception of drinks and canapés, 5:30–7:30 p.m.		

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Saturday 30 August 2025

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Day 3 Saturday 30 August 2025 – essential immunisation provider update

Delivering vaccinations across the lifespan – from pregnancy and infancy to older age: learn about the latest on vaccine safety and effectiveness; talking to patients, parents and carers about vaccination; and more.

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8:30 a.m.	Registration opens	
9:00 a.m.	Session openAcknowledgement of CountryOpening remarks	Professor Kristine Macartney Professor Nicholas Wood Ms Katrina Clark
9:10 a.m.	 Key challenges Learning objective: Describe vaccine characteristics, program recommendations and conversation approaches for key vaccines and populations in Australia Apply health and medical communication concepts and motivational interviewing techniques when communicating with individuals about vaccination Activity (10 mins) Challenges for delivering vaccinations across the lifespan 	Professor Nicholas Wood
9:20 a.m.	Vaccination in pregnancy Lecture (40 mins) Immunology of vaccines in pregnancy Programmatic considerations Effectiveness and safety of vaccines in pregnancy Q&A (10 mins) Case study (15 mins) Vaccination in pregnancy	Professor Helen Marshall Professor Michelle Giles
10:25 a.m.	Morning tea	

Time	Session	Facilitators
10:40 a.m.	Childhood vaccinations Lecture and scenarios (40 mins) Immunology of childhood vaccinations New, upcoming and unfunded vaccines Challenges in vaccination for childhood Q&A (10 mins)	Professor Kristine Macartney Professor Nicholas Wood
11:30 a.m.	Adolescent vaccination Lecture (40 mins) Immunology of adolescent vaccinations Programmatic considerations Effectiveness and safety of adolescent vaccinations Emerging research in adolescent vaccinations Talking to parents and patients about adolescent vaccinations Q&A (10 mins)	Professor Julia Brotherton Professor Helen Marshall
12:20 р.т.	Lunch	
1:20 p.m.	Vaccination for older adults and patients with immunocompromise Lecture and case studies (50 mins) Immunosenescence and inflammaging Principles of approaching vaccination in adults Principles and resources to support vaccination in patients with immunocompromise Scenarios for vaccinating older adults and patients with immunocompromise Q&A (10 mins)	Professor Allen Cheng Professor Katie Flanagan
2:20 p.m.	Afternoon tea	

Time	Session	Facilitators
2:35 p.m.	 Talking about vaccination with patients, parents and carers Lecture (15 mins) Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation (SKAI) conversation techniques Activity (20 mins) Bingo: Example videos of patient- parent conversations Activity (40 mins) Role play: Using SKAI conversation techniques with patients, parents and carers 	Professor Julie Leask
3:50 p.m.	Closing remarks	Professor Kristine Macartney
4:00 p.m.	Session close	