



The Australian Osteopathic Association, Board of Directors has the following policy statement regarding vaccination:

The Australian Osteopathic Association supports public vaccination programs as important public health initiatives. Parents with questions or concerns should consult a general medical practitioner, maternal health nurse or state health department.

For further information please review the following websites or seek the advice of a suitably qualified health professional:

Vaccination Information:

Immunise Australia Program – The Immunise Australia Program aims to increase national immunisation rates by funding free vaccination programs, administering the Australian Childhood Immunisation register and communicating information about immunisation to the general public and health professionals. <http://www.immunise.health.gov.au>

Frequently Asked Questions on Immunisation:

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/faq>

National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS) - NCIRS aims to inform policy and planning for immunisation services in Australia and to support initiatives in the surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases, including disease surveillance, vaccine coverage and immunisation adverse events. <http://www.ncirs.edu.au>

Immunisation Calculator - This calculator is for Australian children up to their 7th birthday on the National Immunisation Schedule. It will help to determine what vaccinations are due. You will need your child's immunisation records ready to enter the dates that doses of vaccine were given. <http://www.health.sa.gov.au/immunisationcalculator>

World Health Organisation - A vaccine is any preparation intended to produce immunity to a disease by stimulating the production of antibodies. Vaccines include, for example, suspensions of killed or attenuated microorganisms, or products or derivatives of microorganisms. The most common method of administering vaccines is by injection, but some are given by mouth or nasal spray. <http://www.who.int/immunization/en>

State Government sites:

ACT Government - <http://www.health.act.gov.au/health-services/find-a-health-service/immunisation-and-vaccination>

NSW Government - <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/immunisation>

NT Government -

http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Centre_for_Disease_Control/Immunisation/index.aspx

QLD Government - http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation/health_professionals/qhip.asp

SA Government - <http://www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/immunisation-index.htm>

TAS Government - <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/immunisation>

VIC Government - <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation>

WA Government - <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/vaccination/>

Vaccination and Health Workers

Health care workers may be exposed to, and transmit, vaccine-preventable diseases. Maintaining immunity in the health care worker population helps prevent transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases to and from health care workers and patients. Health practitioners should check what obligations you have in your State.

Osteopathy Board of Australia - Under the Osteopathy Board of Australia codes and guidelines it states to comply with s. 133 of the National Health Practitioner Registration Law and these guidelines, advertising of services must not contain any claim, statement or implication that the services can be a substitute for public health vaccination or immunisation. See more at: <http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines.aspx>