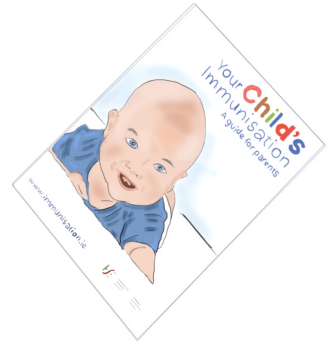


Evidence-based interventions to improve childhood vaccine uptake in your General Practice



#1. Adopt a practice-wide team approach to increasing uptake

Involve everyone, from the person who answers the phone, to the clinical lead.

#2. Invite parents for vaccination of babies well in advance so they can plan their visit

#3. Send reminders

They work. Text, write or phone parents to remind them that vaccines are due or overdue

#4. Facilitate appointments for vaccination

Encourage reception staff to facilitate appointments. Flexible appointments for vaccination including evenings and weekends, if possible, are effective and improve attendance

#5. Check children's immunisation status when they are attending the GP for other reasons

Check your I.T. system flags children with outstanding vaccinations

#6. Recommend vaccination if children are overdue vaccines; book appointments if any missing vaccines

#7. Advice from a trusted healthcare professional is known to be the most important way to promote vaccination

Communicate effectively with parents while answering queries about vaccines. An e-learning module "Talking About Immunisation" is available on www.hseland.ie

#8. Keep up-to-date with the current information about vaccines

Please visit www.immunisation.ie

#9. Promote vaccination on your website and in your practice display leaflets and posters

#10. Guide parents where to find reliable information

e.g. <http://bit.ly/PCIPBook>

#12. E-Learning module: Talking About Immunisation

Complete on www.hseland.ie

If you are health professional and have questions, please email immunisation@hse.ie

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