

Tips for Catch-Up Vaccination in General Practice

- 1 Use the catch-up table in the Immunisation Guidelines Chapter 2
- 2 Use the column for the age of the child, but remember the table assumes a patient hasn't received any vaccines at all

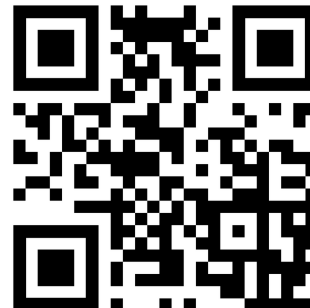
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Table 2.3 Catch-up schedules for children and adults

Vaccine	4 months to <12 months	1 to < 2 years	2-4 years	4 to <10 years	10 to <15 years	15 years and older
DTaP (Hib) (6 in 1)	2 doses 10 weeks apart	1 dose 10 weeks apart*	2 doses 10 weeks apart	2 doses 10 weeks apart	2 doses 10 weeks apart	2 doses 10 weeks apart
MenB	2 doses 16 weeks apart (if aged < 10 months give 1 dose and a booster at 12 months 16 weeks after the first dose)	2 doses 16 weeks apart				
PCV	2 doses 120 days apart	1 dose				
Rotavirus [†]	2 doses 16 weeks apart No dose after 6 months (0 dose)					
Men C	1 dose	1 dose	1 dose	1 dose	1 dose up to 21 years of age. If Men C containing vaccine not given at age 12 years	1 dose up to 21 years of age. If Men C containing vaccine not given at age 19 years
MMR		1 dose	1 dose	2 doses 120 days apart*	2 doses 120 days apart	2 doses 120 days apart
13v-IPV					1 dose 12 months apart	1 dose
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NIAC	Continue with routine childhood immunisation schedule from 12 months	Double school immunisations with 13v-IPV (6 months and 12 months), 1 year after primary course and MMR2 > 1 month after MMR1	13v-IPV at school immunisations at least 6 months and preferably 3 years after primary course and MMR2 > 1 month after MMR1	13v-IPV at school immunisations at least 6 months and preferably 3 years after primary course and MMR2 > 1 month after MMR1	Booster of 13v-IPV 2 years after primary course. 13v-IPV if men's later	

*This vaccine is not needed if this is the only vaccine required unless in a risk group (Chapter 18)
 †One dose of single Hib vaccine may be given to children from 12 months to < 10 years of age if this is the only vaccine required
 *One dose if aged 7-10 months
 *One dose if not yet in primary school and second dose will be given in junior infants
 †For Hib or rotavirus the vaccine is given to breast-feeding or term infants (noted), and for adults from low resource countries, without evidence of low doses of MMR vaccine
 *Only one dose of 13v-IPV is required due to likely previous exposure to pertussis infection

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Scan the QR code to see the NIAC catch-up schedule for children and adults



7 principles for catch-up vaccination

#1. Men C vaccine given before 12 months, provides protection for a child's 1st year of life only

When a child reaches the age of 12 months, they need 1 dose of MenC (given in the Hib/MenC vaccine) only, regardless of whether or not they received Men C vaccine in their 1st year of life.

#2. PCV13 vaccine given before 12 months, gives protection for a child's 1st year of life only

When a child reaches the age of 12 months, they need 1 dose of PCV13 only, regardless of whether or not they have received PCV13 in their 1st year of life.

#3. If the 6 month vaccines are late e.g. given at 9 months, there is no need to delay the 12 month vaccines

#4. If a child needs to catch up with both 12 and 13 month vaccines, they can be given at one visit

#5. Once a child reaches the age of 2, NIAC advises they no longer need PCV13 vaccine or MenB vaccine, even if they have never had these vaccines

The exception is children with at-risk conditions who should be vaccinated.

#6. Once a child reached the age of 10, they no longer need Hib vaccine

#7. A child over the age of 1 year, needs a single dose of MenC up until MenACWY is given in school

For more information: Primary Immunisation Schedule Catch up vaccination presentation from Dr Tom Barrett, Senior Medical Officer, HSE National Immunisation Office: <https://youtu.be/JpmWiSRy4So>

Vaccination schedules in different countries

Where to find details of vaccine schedules in different countries:

- For EU/EEA countries: <https://bit.ly/VaccScheduler>
- For rest of the world: <https://bit.ly/WHOSchedules>

If you are a health professional and have questions about catch-up vaccinations, please email immunisation@hse.ie