

# Immunise a child

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Use the Immunisations module to record a vaccination for a child under the age of ten. The immunisations will be mapped to ACIR for reporting.

## Record a child vaccination

Vaccines stock is updated when the vaccine information is entered in the Immunisations module. This process is important as the use of the vaccines needs to be correctly recorded and the stock updated as it's used.

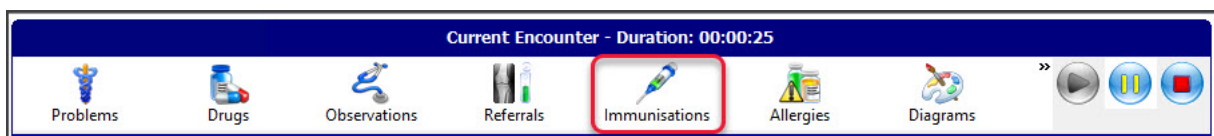
To record the vaccination:

1. Start an encounter with the patient.

For a detailed explanation of how to do this, see the [Start an encounter article](#).

When the encounter starts, the **Current Encounter** section will open and display the clinical modules.

2. Select **Immunisations** from the **Current Encounter** menu.



The **Child Immunisations Schedule** will open.

This contains the Medicare schedule for child immunisations, grouped by age and state. An indicator arrow shows the child's current age.

The schedule can be used to :

- Identify and **Add** the required vaccination.
- Select and **Delete** a vaccination.
- Select and **Modify** a vaccination.

If the dose is not correct, the immunisation must be deleted and added to the correct part of the schedule.

**Note:** If a combination vaccine is modified or deleted, the changes will apply to all immunisations the vaccine has been recorded against, this is especially relevant for Childhood Immunisations that form part of the ACIR schedule.

3. Select the immunisation to be given.
4. Select **Add**.

The **Child Immunisation** screen will open, with the vaccine selected.

5. Select the **Not Given Here** box if you're recording a vaccination that's already been given somewhere else.
6. In the **Name** field, select the doctor administering the vaccination.
7. In the **Brand/Vaccine** field, use the drop-down list to select the vaccine.

Typing the vaccine's name helps locate it, and if the vaccine has a linked sub-product, it will appear beside the product name.

Selecting **Manual** allows you to enter a vaccine that's not on the list.

If the clinic is using Zedmed **Stock Management**, the vaccine selected must have an entry in the right column as shown in the screenshot below. This is the product's name in the Stock Management system and stock will be adjusted as vaccines are dispensed when this option is selected.

Immunisation Details	
Brand/Vaccine:	AstraZeneca COVISHIELD
	Manual...
Agrippal	
AstraZeneca COVISHIELD	
AstraZeneca COVISHIELD	Astra Zeneca - Single Dose 1 (Split)
AstraZeneca Vaxzevria	
Avaxim	

8. If applicable, select **Include non-ACIR coded vaccinations**.
9. Fill in the vaccination details:
  - a. Enter the **Date**.
  - b. In **Dose**, enter 1 or 2 to indicate if it was the 1st or 2nd vaccine dose. This information will be passed to AIR.
  - c. Enter the **School ID** if vaccinations are being administered at an **ACARA school**.
  - d. In the **Batch Number** field, use the drop-down to select the correct batch.

**Important:** Always check the vial label to make sure the batch number you selected is correct.

- e. In the **Site** field, select where the vaccination was given.
- f. Select the **Route** from the options provided.
- g. Select the **Vaccine Type**. This must match the vaccine selected. A mismatch will require the vaccine to be re-selected.

This mandatory field is in Zedmed v36.5 and later and is required for government compliance - in effect March 2024.

- h. Enter information into the **Comment** field if required.

For example, you could use the **Comment** field to enter the batch number and expiry date for additional verification.

10. Use the **Add Recall** button to set up a reminder for the patient's next vaccine.

To learn how to do this, see the **Add a Recall** section below.

11. Select **OK** to save the vaccination record.

A tick will appear next to the Immunisation in the **Child Immunisations Schedule**.

12. If there are more vaccinations to give, select **Add** and repeat the steps.
13. When the last vaccination has been given, select **Close** to save and exit.

The record will appear in the **Administered Vaccinations** screen, the **History View** and the **Summary View**.

When you end the encounter, remember to **Bill for the vaccine** used.

The practice will **upload the immunisation to AIR**.

**Note:** If a mistake is made, you can delete the product from the Administered Vaccinations screens by selecting the item then selecting Delete. This will put 1 of that item back into stock.

## Add a Recall

Add a recall for the patient to come back for their next vaccination. These steps explain how to add a recall from the **Immunisation** screen as referenced in step 11 in the section above.

To add a recall:

1. Select the **Add Recall** button.

The **Recalls** screen will open.

2. Select **New**.

The **Recall Property - New** screen will open

3. Select the **Recall Type** from the list.

This will automatically add a **Maturity Date** for the patient's next vaccination.

- The **Recall Type** is set up for the practice. To learn more, see [Recall Management](#).
- The **Attendance Date** will be filled in when the patient returns for their next vaccination.
- The **First Letter** and **Second Letter** fields show reminders sent by the practice.

4. Add any **Recall Notes**.

The screenshot shows the 'Recalls' window with a table of existing recalls. A 'New' button is highlighted. Overlaid on this is the 'Recall Property - New' dialog box. In this dialog, the 'Recall Type' dropdown is set to 'Flu' and is highlighted with a red box. The 'Maturity Date' is set to 23/09/2022. The 'Attendance Date' is empty. The 'First Letter' and 'Second Letter' fields are empty. The 'Recall Notes' section has a text area and a checked 'Active' checkbox. At the bottom of the dialog, the 'OK' button is highlighted with a red box.

Description	Entered	Maturity	Dr	Br	L#	Letter Date	Attd. Date	On Going	Notes
1	23/09/2021							Y	
2 Flu	23/09/2021	23/09/2022	PD		MED			Y	

5. Select **OK** to save and exit.

The recall will be added to the **Recalls** screen

A notification will appear in the **Reference View**, and the icon will open the **Recalls** screens. From the **Recalls** screen, you can right-click a recall when the patient comes in and set the current day's date for the attendance.

The screenshot shows the 'Reference View' window. It displays patient information: Allergies: Banana split, Warnings: (empty), and Recalls: 1 active recall(s). A red callout box with an arrow points to a small icon in the bottom right corner, with the text 'Opens the Recalls screen'.