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Caring for our patients with
real-time vaccine safety monitoring

Immunisations save millions of lives each year. However, when deciding whether to have a vaccination or to get your child vaccinated, it's natural to worry about potential side effects. Like any medicine, there can be some side effects from vaccines, but serious adverse events from vaccination are rare.

The most common adverse events are minor, such as low-grade fever, pain or redness at the injection site. Severe reactions are rare but can include seizures or life threatening allergic reactions. For more information talk to your doctor or nurse.

DID YOU KNOW?

The safety of every vaccine is carefully studied before it is licensed for public use in Australia.



All vaccines in Australia have been extensively tested for safety. Before a vaccine can be used in Australia it must be licensed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Using rigorous scientific methods, the TGA thoroughly assesses each vaccine for evidence of safety and effectiveness (www.tga.gov.au/safety/index.htm).



Your immunisation provider participates in a routine program for monitoring vaccine safety, called SmartVax.

This new initiative was created by Dr Alan Leeb, a general practitioner in Western Australia, Ian Peters, a software developer, and is supported by the Communicable Disease Control Directorate, Western Australia Department of Health.

DID YOU KNOW?

Receiving combination vaccines or several different vaccines during one visit is safe and offers the quickest protection against multiple diseases.



WHAT IS SMARTVAX AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

SmartVax is a new program that is used by some general practices and government clinics to send a text message to patients to see if they experienced any reactions following an immunisation.

Anyone who responds that they experienced a reaction will be sent an SMS link to a 1 minute online survey that requests further detail about their reaction. Your vaccine provider is notified of any reactions you report, and information about suspected adverse events may be shared with public health authorities who use this information for monitoring vaccine safety.

YOU CAN PLAY A ROLE IN MONITORING THE SAFETY OF VACCINES

By responding 'Yes' or 'No' to the text message from SmartVax you can make a valuable contribution to ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety in Australia.

Participation is not compulsory and your choice to participate or not will have no impact on the care you will receive. Should you prefer NOT to participate, please tell your immunisation provider. If you have further questions regarding the program, please use the contact details on the back panel of this brochure.

