

Immunisation catch-ups: tips and tricks 😊

General

No need to restart a schedule again - build upon what has previously been given

The minimum intervals are only to be used for catch-up vaccination

Catch-ups using a combination vaccine must meet the minimum intervals for all antigens

Hepatitis B

2 months between Doses 2 & 3, and 4 months between Doses 1 & 3 (for 3 dose courses), variations exist

DTPa

6 months between Doses 3 & 4 and Doses 4 & 5

Dose 5 is not needed if dose 4 is given after 3.5 years of age

Infanrix hexa[®], Vaxelis[®], Tripacel[®], Infanrix[®], Infanrix IPV[®], and Quadracel[®] can only be used in children under 10 years of age

HIB & Pneumococcal

Hib & Prevenar20[®] eligible up to 5 years of age (59 months)

From 18 months of age to <5 years of age, only 1 dose of any Hib vaccine is required

Hib minimum intervals for primary doses is 4 weeks

Prevenar minimum interval is 1 month for <12 months of age and 2 months for ≥12 months of age

One dose of Pneumococcal vaccine must be given after 12 months

HPV – single dose except for:

immunocompromised people or people ≥ 26 years of age at the start of their course who require 3 doses

2-month interval between Doses 1 & 2 and 4-month interval between Doses 2 & 3

MMRV

Cannot be used as the 1st dose of MMR-containing vaccine in children aged <4 years

MMRV can be used for children less than 14 years of age

Polio

Polio dose 4 is not needed if dose 3 is given after 3.5 years of age

Varicella

2 doses are required for people over 14 years of age (funded)