

## Additional Vaccinations

*(Not funded by National/NSW Immunisation Programs)*

### *Did you know?*

There are additional vaccinations which are recommended by the Australian Immunisation Handbook guidelines, but are not funded by the State or Federal Government immunisation programs. This means you need to pay privately for them.

These may be partially covered by some Private Health insurance policies depending on your level of cover. Please check with your private health insurer for more details. The tax invoice from the practice or pharmacy will be required for your claim.

If you would like one of these additional vaccinations, please contact the practice for an appointment.

<p><b><i>Influenza vaccine</i></b></p> <p>The 'flu vaccine helps protect against influenza (not the common cold), which is a severe respiratory tract infection.</p> <p>It is free (Government-funded) for: age &lt;5yrs or &gt;65yrs, pregnancy, chronic medical disease with increased risk of complications (eg. heart disease, lung disease, neurological disease, diabetes etc.)</p> <p>For all other patients, the cost is \$20 * per dose (available at North Ryde Medical Centre)</p> <p>nb. A 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is required for children &lt;9yrs receiving flu vax for the first time</p>	<p><b><i>Meningococcal B Vaccine (Bexsero®)</i></b></p> <p>Meningococcal B vaccine can help protect against the B strain of meningococcal disease, which causes a brain and/or blood infection.</p> <p>It may be given from the age of 2 months. 2-4 doses will be required, depending on age. Please ask your doctor for more information.</p> <p>Fever is a common side effect, so it is recommended to give a dose of paracetamol approximately 30 minutes before this vaccination.</p> <p>The cost is approx. \$130-140 per dose at your local pharmacy (prescription required).</p>
<p><b><i>Chickenpox (Varicella) booster dose</i></b></p> <p>The Australian Immunisation Handbook recommends 2 doses of Varicella vaccination to decrease the risk of developing chickenpox, however only 1 dose (at 18 months age) is funded by the Government.</p> <p>Varicella vaccination can be given after 12 months age (but not within 1 month of another live vaccine such as MMR).</p> <p>The Government-funded dose at 18 months age will act as the other dose.</p> <p>The cost is \$67 * (available at North Ryde Medical Centre)</p>	<p><b><i>Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Nimenrix®, Menveo®, Menactra®)</i></b></p> <p>This vaccine helps protect against the A, C, W and Y strains of meningococcal disease.</p> <p>It may be given from the age of 2 months. 1-3 doses will be required, depending on patient age and brand of vaccine. Please ask your doctor for more information.</p> <p>It has been added to the National Immunisation Program funding for children 12 months age after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. Otherwise it will need to be purchased privately.</p> <p>The cost is approx. \$60-70 per dose (Nimenrix) at your local pharmacy (prescription required).</p>

\* Prices correct as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 (subject to change)