
Are you vaccinating more patients **AGED OVER 70** with pneumococcal vaccine this year?

Up to **800,000 patients** received their first dose of pneumococcal vaccine in 2005¹ and these patients **are now due for their 5 year booster.**²

Some clinics are finding that the current method of recording an immunisation is different to how it was recorded in 2005; e.g. entered in patient notes rather than recorded as an immunisation on the medical software.

As a result, practice software prompts and recalls can be ineffective in finding eligible patients and these patients could now miss out on their pneumococcal booster, prior to the onset of winter.

It is recommended that you ACT NOW to identify and vaccinate all eligible patients aged over 70 before winter.

Reference: 1. CSL Data on File. 2. NHMRC The Australian Immunisation Handbook. 9th Edition 2008, Chapter 3.15.
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