

THE NORTH THORESBY PRACTICE

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These guidelines are in place to support the General practice nurse in managing a childhood vaccine and immunisation clinic

Appointments

- 8 week baby checks should be made with the GP first then the practice nurse on the same day. (no earlier than 8 weeks)

Appointment time

- 8 week vaccinations to be a 30 minute appointment to allow time for the GP going over clinic and to consider time for explaining the vaccines and number of vaccines required.
- Best practice is always a minimum of 20 minutes, its important the practice nurse has sufficient appointment time and this can vary on where the child is on the UK schedule

Vaccination history

- If parents wish to book an appointment for vaccinations and had previous vaccinations in a different country or not up to date they will need to provide evidence, prior to appointment
- Unless there is a documented or reliable vaccine history, individuals will be assumed to be unimmunised and a full course of immunisations will be required

General practice nurse accountability

- To ensure the practice nurse keeps up to date with regular annual training, immunisation updates, basic life support & anaphylaxis
- Able to access relevant chapters for childhood immunisations of the green book, Chapter 11 to keep up to date
- If the practice nurse isn't a prescriber to ensure there working from the most up to date PGD and this has been appropriately signed and authorised by the senior GP
- Ensure when parent's bring child for immunisations that the legal guardian gives consent to the vaccine, document this on the child's records
- Always confirm and go through the vaccinations required on the day with the parent/guardian prior to vaccine administration
- For children with uncertain or incomplete immunisations status follow the PHE flowchart, if any queries seek guidance from local immunisation team or PHE, always postpone appointment if any doubts

Vaccination Storage and ordering

- Ensure to plan ahead that you have sufficient stock for the next 2-4 weeks using imm form to request order
- Do not over stock the fridge and always rotate vaccines, always follow the local policy on the management of vaccination fridges and the cold chain protocol
- To keep childhood vaccines separate from adult/travel vaccinations, use a separate fridge if possible
- Arrange childhood immunisations within the fridge in line with the current UK schedule
- Keep vaccine stored between 2-8c

Preparing the vaccine

- Do not draw up vaccine prior to consultation
- Check the correct vaccine has been taken from the fridge and always double check the child's immunisation status
- Check expiry date and no damage to packaging
- Ensure vaccine is correctly reconstituted in accordance with manufacture guidelines

Administration of vaccines

- Please follow The routine immunisation schedule following certain age categories this can vary from anterior lateral thigh to deltoid

References and guidance used for this policy from:

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