

Immunisation web sites for parents Australian based

National Centre of Immunisation Research and Surveillance

(NCIRS) of Vaccine Preventable Diseases was established at the Children's Hospital at Westmead by the Commonwealth Department of Health in August 1997, to carry out research and give independent expert advice about all aspects of diseases which can be prevented by vaccination, particularly in children.

<http://www.ncirs.edu.au/> Tabs to click on 'immunisation resources' – includes; fact sheets related to specific vaccines/diseases; fact sheets related to vaccine safety:

<http://www.ncirs.edu.au/immunisation/fact-sheets/index.php>

NSW Health

Infectious diseases – information on latest out breaks in NSW, links to factsheets

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/index.html>

A_Z of infectious diseases click on 'Disease name' for fact sheet; Click on 'data book' for notifications link

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/a-z.asp>

My Vaccination

Commonly asked questions and answers for parents

<http://myvaccination.com.au/baby.aspx>

Australian Academy of Science

The science of Immunisation Questions and Answers November 2012.

<http://www.science.org.au/immunisation>

Chain of Protection

Fact sheets and videos produced by Professor Robert Booy from the NCIRS

<http://www.chainofprotection.org>

Vax'em

The Northern Rivers General Practice Network in collaboration with the North Coast Area Health Service (public health unit) based in Lismore has produced this web site to provide information to the general public about vaccination.

<http://www.ncirs.edu.au/immunisation/education/mmr-decision/index.php>

Whooping Cough

Includes information on whooping cough – Why vaccinate, Whooping cough answers and questions, mother's story, pre-pregnancy information.

<http://www.whoopingcough.com.au/whoopingcough/>

Immunise Australia Program

Provides links to programs – commonly asked questions.

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/home>

The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Edition

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook-home>

Immunisation web sites International sites

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)

Information on vaccines and immunisation, including articles under headings; understanding vaccines & their purpose, parents who question vaccines, myths busted, what risks are parents taking in their child's health care.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/parents.htm>

The National Network for Immunisation Information

Provides information for parents, health professionals and the press. It has partnerships with The Infectious Diseases Society of America, The Paediatric Infectious Diseases Society, The American Academy of paediatrics, The American Nurses Association, The American Academy of Family Physicians, The National Association of Paediatric Nurse Practitioners and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. This site contains sections for parents as well as for healthcare professionals.

<http://www.immunizationinfo.org/>

Immunisation saves lives

Vaccination information for parents and health professionals. Facts on diseases vaccines, Q&A, photos, case histories.

<http://www.vaccineinformation.org/>

World Health Organisation (WHO)

Information on diseases and immunisations, as a public health importance. Global diseases.

http://www.who.int/immunization_delivery/adc/en

Unprotected People Reports

Case reports, personal testimonies, newspaper and journal articles about people who have suffered or died from vaccine-preventable diseases.

<http://www.immunize.org/reports>

Photos of children with diseases.

<http://www.vaccineinformation.org/photos>

Vaccinate Your Baby

Staying informed to keep your baby safe. Protecting public health and preventing disease when you vaccinate your baby, you're not only protecting your child, you're also doing your part to help stop the spread of these diseases in your community and worldwide.

<http://www.vaccinateyourbaby.org/index.cfm>

Common concerns about vaccination.

Chaper 15 from the book 'Vaccines: What you should Know', 3rd edition, by Paul Offit, MD and Louis Bell, MD 2003. John Wiley and Sons, New Jersey p 92-115.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/4038myth.pdf>