

*Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996*

**Drug Therapy Protocol – Pharmacist  
Vaccination Program**



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I, Jeannette Rosita Young, pursuant to the *Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996*, sections 171(2) & (5) and 257(2) & (3)(d) hereby certify this document as the Drug Therapy Protocol – Pharmacist Vaccination Program.

**Conditions**

1. A pharmacist or a trainee pharmacist under the direction and personal supervision of a pharmacist authorised to administer a vaccine under this Drug Therapy Protocol may administer a restricted drug or poison listed in Appendix 1, column 1 only:
  - 1.1 in the form of the drug or poison stated in Appendix 1, column 1 (if any);
  - 1.2 by a route of administration for the drug or poison stated in the current online edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook<sup>1</sup>, or as stated in the product information approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA); and
  - 1.3 subject to the restriction or condition for the drug or poison stated in Appendix 1, column 2.
2. The pharmacist or a trainee pharmacist under the direction and personal supervision of an authorised pharmacist must administer the restricted drug or poison in accordance with:
  - 2.1 the Queensland Health ‘Queensland Pharmacist Vaccination Standard’; and
  - 2.2 the current edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook.
3. Before administering a restricted drug or a poison, the pharmacist or a trainee pharmacist must be familiar with the contra-indication(s) and known side effects of the drug or poison and advise the patient accordingly.
4. If Consumer Medicines Information (CMI) is available for the medicine, the pharmacist must, where reasonably practicable, offer the information to each person to whom the pharmacist administers the drug.

Certified at Brisbane on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020

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**Notes:**

- (a) The pharmacist or a trainee pharmacist must be aware that practising within the Drug Therapy Protocol does not relieve that person of their legal responsibility or accountability for that person’s actions and may not provide immunity in case of negligence.
- (b) All relevant provisions of the *Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996* apply

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<sup>1</sup> Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI). Australian Immunisation Handbook, Australian Government Department of Health, Canberra, 2018, [immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au](http://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au)

## Appendix 1

### Drug Therapy Protocol – Pharmacist Vaccination Program

COLUMN 1 RESTRICTED DRUG OR POISON	COLUMN 2 RESTRICTIONS/CONDITIONS
Influenza vaccine	Persons aged 10 years or over
Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis-inactivated poliovirus vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Measles-mumps-rubella vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Cholera vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Hepatitis A vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Poliomyelitis vaccine	Persons aged 16 years or over
Adrenaline in a strength of 0.1% or less <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• in a preloaded device such as an autoinjector, or</li><li>• in an ampoule</li></ul>	For use in treatment of anaphylaxis only