

AUSTRALIAN IMMUNISATION REGISTER (AIR) UPDATE – DECEMBER 2022

AIR 42A report

From 3 December 2022 the AIR042A report will be temporarily unavailable whilst enhancements are made to improve usability and to future proof the report so that it is aligned with evolving clinical advice regarding multiple boosters and new COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccination providers will still be able to access and view reports that they've requested prior to 3 December 2022.

It is anticipated the enhanced AIR042A report will be available for vaccination providers to use from March 2023.

AIR enhancements

In early December 2022, enhancements are being made to the AIR site and this includes implementation of increased matching rules, including:

- increased functionality of matching 'baby of' records
- enhanced search functionality in AIR web services using middle initial

AIR vaccine codes

Recent vaccines added to the AIR.

COVID related

- COMBIV Pfizer Bivalent Comirnaty
- MODBIV Moderna Bivalent Spikevax

Other vaccines

- JYNNEO - Jynneos 0.5ml Subcutaneous
- JYNINT – Jynneos 0.1ml Intradermal
- ACAM - Acam2000
- GNPOX - Generic Smallpox
- IXIARO - Ixiaro
- GNTBE - Generic Tick-borne Encephalitis

Further information about vaccine codes is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI)

The IHI will no longer appear on an individual's Immunisation History Statement or COVID-19 digital certificate. This will help to protect individual's privacy.

Improving data quality

Some reminders to support improved data quality

- **Vaccine batch numbers:** ensure the correct batch number is recorded for the vaccine being administered. Incorrect batch numbers require follow-up with the provider as they may indicate that an expired vaccine has been administered or the individual is not approved to receive that vaccine because of their age.
- **Returned Mail Indicator (RMI):** The RMI indicator, which can be used to indicate returned mail for an individual, can be edited by a vaccination provider or their delegate, directly on the AIR site on the individual's record.

- **Editing a vaccination encounter:** Encounters can be edited via the AIR site, by the provider who recorded the encounter.
- **Have you recorded the wrong vaccine?** (E.g. Moderna instead of Pfizer vaccine): Edit the encounter on the AIR site or call the AIR on 1800 653 809. Do not resend another vaccine encounter as both encounters will appear on an individual's record. Deleting the encounter on the patient's record in practice management software will not remove the encounter from the AIR.
- **Recording the correct vaccine:** Ensure the right vaccine is administered and recorded. If an individual receives a vaccine that is not approved for use for their age, the encounter will require follow-up with the provider as in some cases it will appear as off-label prescribing.
- **Vaccine names:** Use the vaccine brand name where known rather than recording 'generic'.

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