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IMPORTANT NEWS
Re: Changes to the Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule

Dear Doctor

I am writing to update you about the new Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule with the introduction of meningococcal B (MenB) and rotavirus vaccines for all babies born on or after 1 October 2016.

This correspondence contains updated Guidelines for Vaccinations in General Practice, Frequently Asked Questions as well as posters of the new schedule, paracetamol dosage and rotavirus vaccine scheduling. Copies of the new information materials for parents are also included:

- “Your Child’s Immunisations” with schedule magnet and immunisation passport given to parents by the public health nurse at the first visit
- “Before Immunisation” tear pad for parents at the 6 week check or at any time before the first vaccination visit
- “After Immunisation” tear pad

MenB and rotavirus vaccines may now be ordered from the HSE National Cold Chain Service using the same online procedure used for all other Primary Childhood Immunisation vaccines at <https://www.ordervaccines.ie/login.aspx>

Babies born before 1 October 2016 should remain on the old schedule, regardless of when they present for vaccination. There is no Men B or rotavirus vaccine catch up programme for babies born before 1 October 2016 (as outlined in the schedule overleaf).

Further information may be found at www.immunisation.ie and additional information materials may be ordered online from www.healthpromotion.ie

I am aware that discussions are ongoing on contractual issues that arise from this change to the schedule and this will be the subject of further correspondence

Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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PRIMARY CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE

Age (months)	Babies born before 1 st October 2016		Babies born on or after 1 st October 2016	
	Vaccine	No of injections	Vaccine	No of injections
2	6 in 1 +PCV	2	6 in 1 + PCV+ MenB + Rotavirus	3 + oral vaccine
4	6 in 1 + MenC	2	6 in 1 + MenB + Rotavirus	2 + oral vaccine
6	6 in 1 + PCV	2	6 in 1 + PCV + MenC	3
12	MMR + PCV	2	MMR + MenB	2
13	MenC + Hib	2	Hib/MenC + PCV	2

6 in 1 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b, Hepatitis B vaccine
Hib/MenC Haemophilus influenzae type b/ Meningococcal C vaccine
MenB Meningococcal B vaccine
MenC Meningococcal C vaccine
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine
PCV Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine