Vaccination Policy Statement

The Board of Directors of Osteopathy Australia has approved the following policy statement regarding vaccination:

*Osteopathy Australia supports public vaccination programs as important public health initiatives. Parents and patients with questions or concerns should consult a medical practitioner, child and family health nurse, or state health department.*

For further information please review the following websites or seek the advice of a suitably qualified health professional.

### Vaccination Information

#### Frequently Asked Questions on Immunisation


#### National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance (NCIRS)

NCIRS aims to inform policy and planning for immunisation services in Australia and to support initiatives in the surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases, including disease surveillance, vaccine coverage and immunisation adverse events.

http://www.ncirs.edu.au

#### Immunisation Calculator

This calculator is for Australian children up to their 7th birthday on the National Immunisation Schedule. It will help to determine what vaccinations are due. You will need your child’s immunisation records ready to enter the dates that doses of vaccine were given.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

A vaccine is any preparation intended to produce immunity to a disease by stimulating the production of antibodies. Vaccines include, for example, suspensions of killed or attenuated microorganisms, or products or derivatives of microorganisms. The most common method of administering vaccines is by injection, but some are given by mouth or nasal spray.

https://www.who.int/immunization/en/

State Government sites:

ACT

NSW

NT

QLD

SA

TAS

VIC

WA

Vaccination and Health Workers

Health care workers may be exposed to, and transmit, vaccine-preventable diseases. Maintaining immunity in the health care worker population helps prevent transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases to and from health care workers and patients. Health practitioners should check what obligations you have in your state.
Osteopathy Board of Australia (OBA)

Under the Osteopathy Board of Australia codes and guidelines, to comply with s. 133 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and these guidelines, advertising of services must not contain any claim, statement or implication that the services can be a substitute for public health vaccination or immunisation.


Need more information or help?

For further information, a suggestion or to discuss this topic, please:

- Email your enquiry to [clinicalpolicy@osteopathy.org.au](mailto:clinicalpolicy@osteopathy.org.au)
- Call Osteopathy Australia on 1800 467 836
- Access further information via [www.osteopathy.org.au](http://www.osteopathy.org.au)

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