# - APNA COVID Webinar -

# Vaccination Planning for Primary Health Care Nurses

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# Acknowledgement of Country

Train IT Medical and APNA acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waterways we meet today.

We wish to pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders past, present and future.

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Suzanne has a special interest in and is driven to see change in how health systems treat marginalised groups when requiring health care. She is also a consultant for individuals and organisations, creating goal-orientated, flexible health care delivery processes in the primary care space

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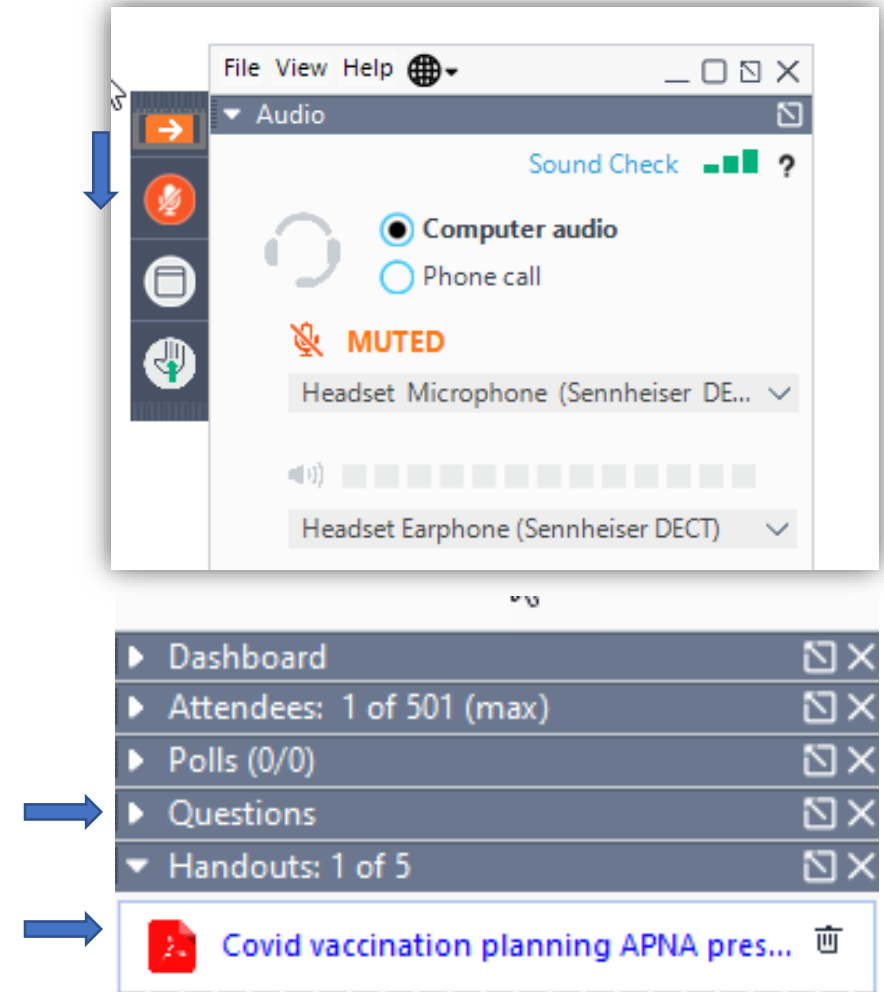
# Learning Objectives

1. Understand where are we up to with the rollout of COVID vaccines.

2. Discuss COVID vaccine priority groups and proposed implementation plans outlined in the COVID vaccination roadmap.

3. Develop awareness of key requirements for Primary Health Care Nurses involved in COVID 19 vaccination ordering, storage and administration.

4. Develop a practice plan for clear and confident communication with patients in relation to the vaccine.

5. Identify key planning issues for COVID Vaccination clinics.

6. Ensure practice compliance for documentation and reporting.

# Learning Objective 1

**Understand where are we up to with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.**

# The Australian government COVID vaccination policy

- **COVID vaccine free for all Medicare eligible Australians and most visa card holders**

- **Clear lines of responsibility across Australian, State and Territory Governments**

- **Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) to determine vaccination hierarchy**

- **Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to monitor coverage**

**Read more: Australian Government COVID vaccination policy**

# Other important points outlined in the policy:

- To date no licensed vaccine for COVID 19
- There are 3 vaccine candidates
- COVAX
- Primary care to be at the core of COVID vaccination rollout.

# Learning Objective 2

**Discuss COVID vaccine priority groups and proposed implementation plans outlined in the COVID vaccination roadmap.**

# Population groups for vaccine prioritisation

- **Evidence based**
- **Influenced by the prevailing epidemiology**
- **COVID 19 Vaccine Roadmap – current rollout plans as per ATAGI recommendations**

Download ATAGI Preliminary Advice on General Principles

## Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI)

Preliminary advice on general principles to guide the prioritisation of target populations in a COVID-19 vaccination program in Australia

# COVID-19 vaccine national rollout strategy - Priority groupings

**Phase 1a – up to 1.4m doses** — Ongoing

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| Quarantine and border workers | 70,000 |
| Frontline health care worker sub-groups for prioritisation | 100,000 |
| Aged care and disability care staff | 318,000 |
| Aged care and disability care residents | 190,000 |
| **Total** | **678,000** |

**Phase 1b – up to 14.8m doses**

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| Elderly adults aged 80 years and over | 1,045,000 |
| Elderly adults aged 70-79 years | 1,858,000 |
| Other health care workers | 953,000 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people > 55 | 87,000 |
| Younger adults with an underlying medical condition, including those with a disability | 2,000,000 |
| Critical and high risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing | 196,000 |
| **Total** | **6,139,000** |

**Phase 2a – up to 15.8m doses**

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| Adults aged 60-69 years | 2,650,000 |
| Adults aged 50-59 years | 3,080,000 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 18- 54 | 387,000 |
| Other critical and high risk workers | 453,000 |
| **Total** | **6,570,000** |

**Phase 2b – up to 16m doses**

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| Balance of adult population | **6,643,000** |
| *Catch up any unvaccinated Australians from previous phases* | |

**Phase 3 – up to 13.6m doses**

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| < 18 if recommended | **5,670,000** |

[Download Vaccine Rollout Strategy document](#)

Population numbers are current estimates for each category.

# COVID Vaccine Roadmap

## 1a – Pfizer Vaccine

- Ultra cold chain storage requirements
- 30-50 Hospital hubs in urban and rural areas
- Finalised in conjunction with state and territory governments

## 1b – AstraZeneca Vaccine

- Usual cold chain storage 2-8 degrees
- Sites expanded to include primary care settings
- Efficacy
- GP registration - expression of interest (EOI)

# Learning Objective 3

**Develop awareness of key requirements for Primary Health Care Nurses involved in COVID-19 vaccination ordering, storage and administration.**

# Australian Government - new guidelines for vaccine storage

## New Guidelines – Strive for 5 3rd Edition

- **Purpose built fridge**
- **Mandatory Training**
- **Random Auditing**

Access guidelines

# Primary Health Nurses

- **Mandatory training**
- **[WHO training](#)**
- **Authorised Nurse Immunisers**
- **Up to date knowledge and skills**
- **Insurance**
- **Vaccine administration as per NHMRC guidelines and The Australian Immunisation Handbook**
- **[Timing of vaccinations](#)**
- **National Vaccine Storage Guidelines**
- **CPR training**
- **Emergency protocol review**
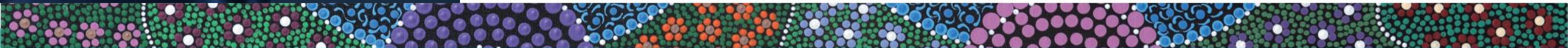
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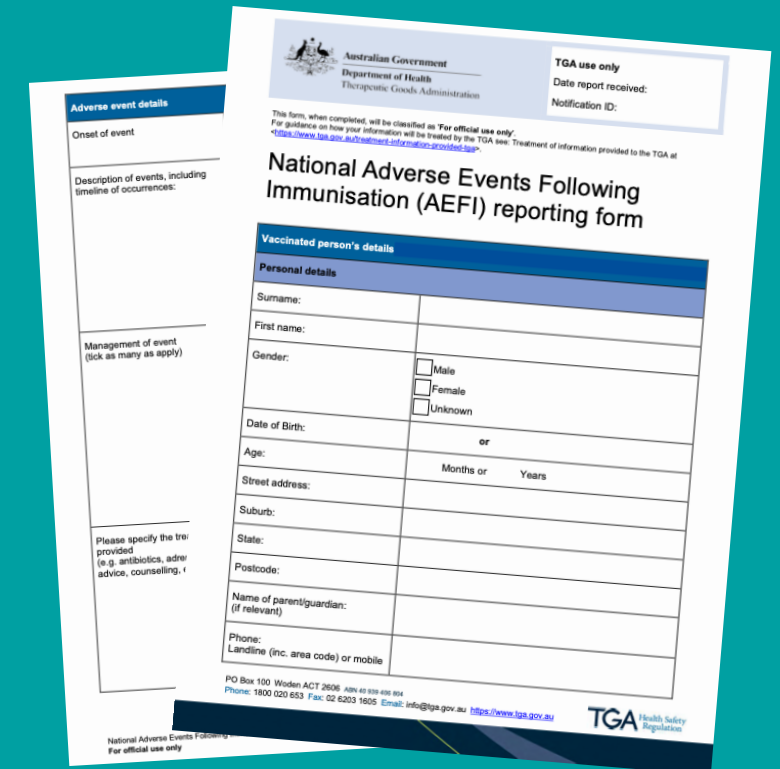
**Multidose vials:**

- **Education to ensure accurate dosage and infection control**
- **Ordering of disposable not required**

# Adverse event reporting

- **Data collection to ensure accurate side-effect recording**

- **AEFI document**

- **AusVaxSafety**

# Learning Objective 4

**Develop a practice plan for clear and confident communication with patients in relation to the vaccine**

# Communication with patients

- **Clear, confident, consistent information.**

- **Patient information packs.**

- **Stay up-to-date and knowledgeable – regular information dissemination in your practice eg email broadcasts, meetings**

# Learning Objective 5

**Identify key planning issues for COVID-19 Vaccination clinics**

# Key Planning Issues

- **Assess storage capacity**

- **Consider COVID vaccine within influenza vaccination season**

# Planning
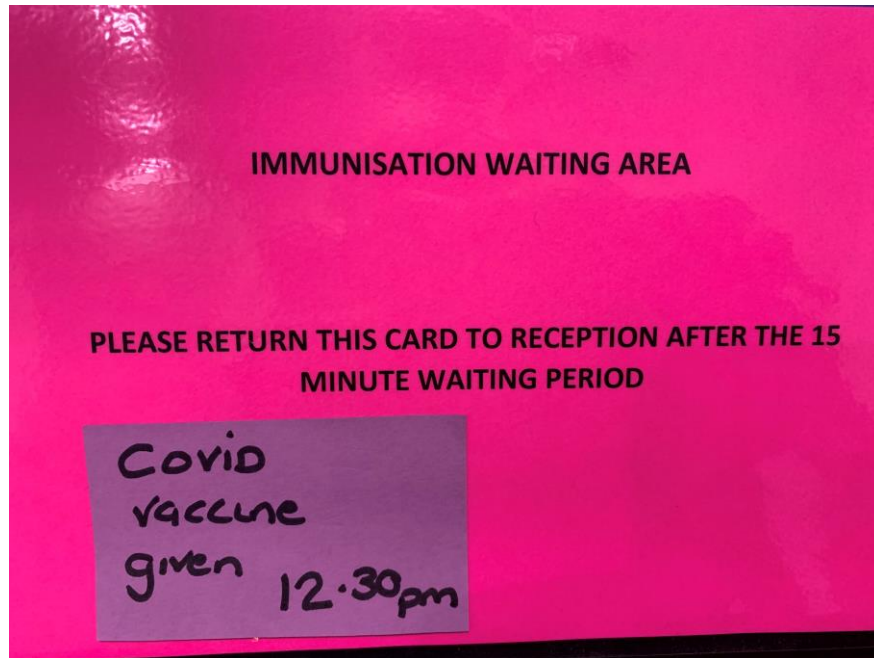


- Consider your workforce
- Vaccine advertising and promotion
- Logistics for your clinic
- Appointment structure
- PPE
- Patient Recall Systems
- Vaccine supply (dose 2)
- Billing
- Document and share plans

# Learning Objective 6

**Ensure practice compliance for documentation and reporting**

# Documentation & Technology

- Patient Management software
- AIR – Australian Immunisation Register
- My Health Record
- Record to patient
- Recall management
- Pre-vaccination checklist
- Informed consent
- Billing
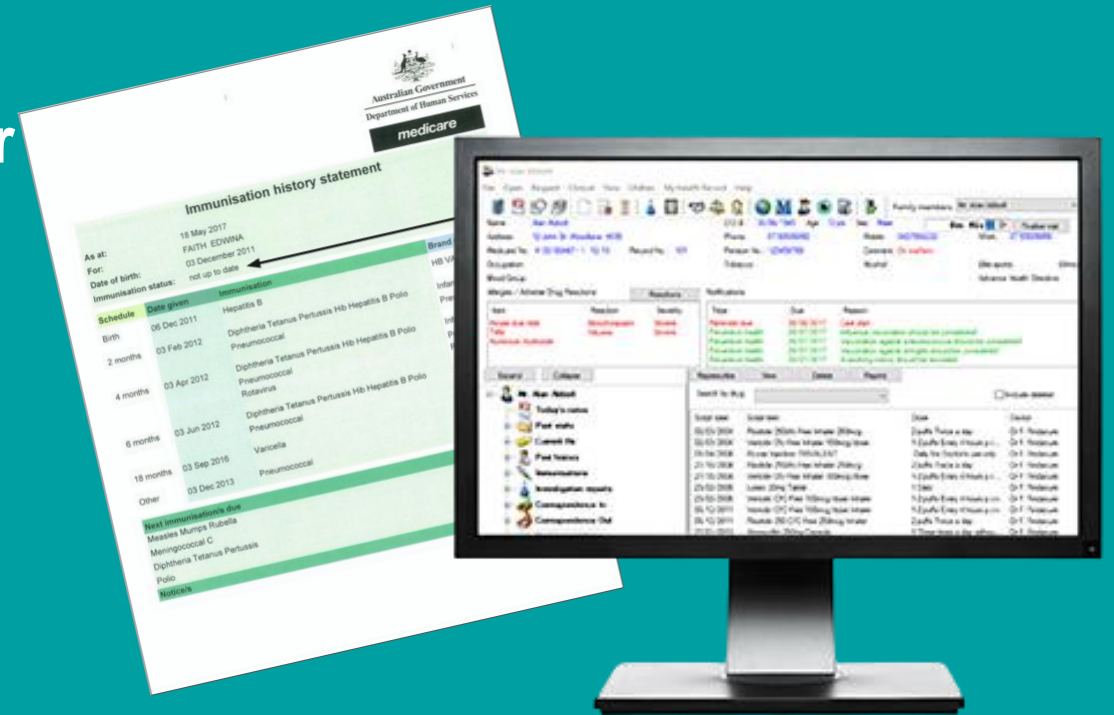
# Presentation Links

**Australian Government COVID vaccination policy – November 2020:**

- https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/11/australian-covid-19-vaccination-policy.pdf

**RACGP Practice Managers mailing list:**

- Ela Duraj - ela.duraj@racgp.org.au **On Behalf Of** RACGP Events - NSW&ACT faculty

**ATAGI prioritization of COVID vaccination program:**

- https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/11/atagi-preliminary-advice-on-general-principles-to-guide-the-prioritisation-of-target-populations-in-a-covid-19-vaccination-program-in-australia_0.pdf

**New Vaccine storage guidelines:**

- https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-vaccine-storage-guidelines-strive-for-5

**Mandatory On-line training:**

- https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/vaccine-storage-and-cold-chain-management-

**AEFI Reporting:**

- https://www.tga.gov.au/sites/default/files/national-adverse-events-following-immunisation-aefi-reporting-form.pdf

**Aus VaxSafety:**

- http://www.ausvaxsafety.org.au/ausvaxsafety-commences-routine-monitoring-2020-seasonal-influenza-vaccines

**WHO training:**

- https://openwho.org/courses/covid-19-vaccination-healthworkers-en

**Accredited Nurse Immunisers – Policy Directives:**

- https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2020_050.pdf

**Medicare Billing:**
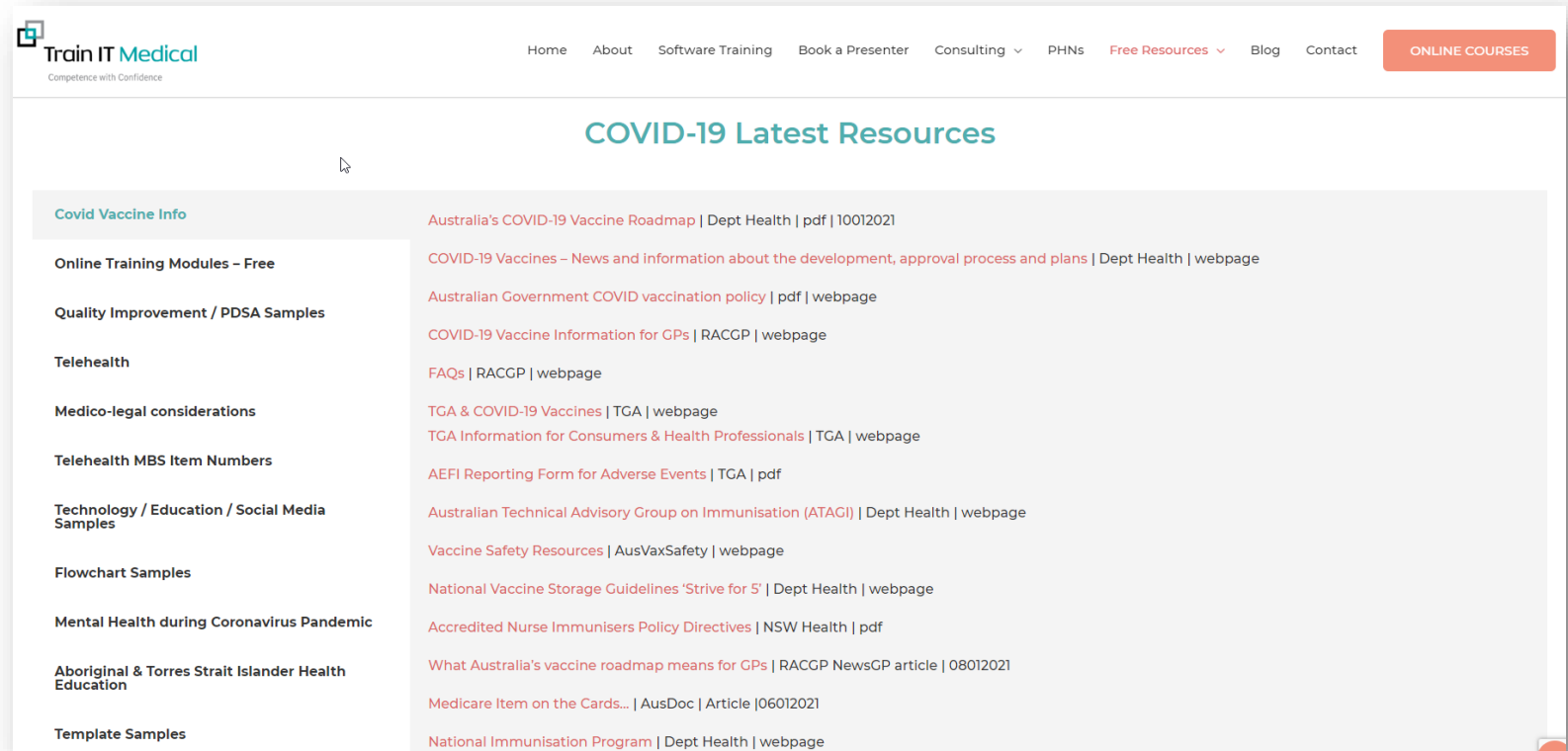
- https://www.ausdoc.com.au/news/medicare-item-cards-covid19-vaccination-gp-practices?utm_content=bufferdd570&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=australian+doctor+facebook

**COVID-19 vaccine national rollout strategy:**

- https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/01/australia-s-covid-19-vaccine-national-roll-out-strategy.pdf

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