

Supplementary Program for Prevenar 13®

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A supplementary dose of Prevenar 13® is available free of charge to all children aged 12 to 35 months of age who have been previously vaccinated with Prevenar 7®. This will provide some protection against the additional 6 pneumococcal serotypes contained in Prevenar 13® during the years children are most at risk.

Any child that has already received a dose of Prevenar 13® or Synflorix® **does not** require a supplementary dose.

Age	Prevenar 7® vaccination status	Recommendation for Prevenar 13®	Comments
12 to 35 months	Fully immunised	Give 1 supplementary dose	<p>Medically at risk children</p> <p>Those who have received 4th dose Prevenar 7® are eligible to receive a supplementary dose of Prevenar 13®. Pneumovax 23® is still recommended at 4 years of age for this group.</p> <p>Aboriginal children</p> <p>The NIP recommends Pneumovax 23® for all Aboriginal children at 2 years of age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The supplementary dose of Prevenar 13® can be administered in place of Pneumovax 23®, where Pneumovax 23® has not yet been given. > Where Pneumovax 23® has been given there should be an interval of <u>8 weeks before administering Prevenar 13®</u>.
12 to 23 months	Partially immunised	Complete course using Prevenar 13®	No supplementary dose required as Prevenar 13® is administered as catch up in accordance with table 1.3.9 p34 Handbook 9th ed.
24 to 35 months	Partially immunised	Give supplementary dose of Prevenar 13®	Catch up not necessary as all children in this age group are eligible for the supplementary dose.

When administering multiple injections, it is recommended Prevenar 13® be given into the deltoid muscle of one arm and the other vaccines administered into other limbs. *Reference The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th Ed 2008 p57 & p243*

If you have any further queries, please contact the Immunisation Section on 1300 232 272.