



Vaccine Update 464 - Whooping Cough Day, new Learning Management System, Antenatal survey, RACGP webinars

Whooping Cough Day 8 November

Western Australia is experiencing a surge in pertussis (whooping cough) cases. Whooping cough can be fatal in infants and can cause serious illness in older children and adults.

Providers are encouraged to check if patients are up to date with whooping cough vaccination and to highlight the importance of adult, pregnancy and childhood protection.

See the WA Immunisation schedule and Australian Immunisation Handbook for detailed information.

Matter of Vax podcast episode – Whooping Cough (Pertussis) with Prof Tom Snelling

For healthcare professionals | Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation | SKAI

Immunisation Foundation Australia | Whooping Cough Day

New Learning Management System (LMS) for online immunisation modules

The WA Health online immunisation education modules are now on a new Learning Management System (LMS) platform, Reach360.

Existing user accounts have been automatically transferred and no action is required by existing active users. New users, or users who have not accessed the LMS for over 30 days, can register using the new LMS link in WA Health modules and registration to access the online modules.

For more information about education requirements and for further instructions to use the immunisation education online modules, please see the Immunisation education (health.wa.gov.au) webpage.

Invitation to Participate in Antenatal Immunisation Survey

The WA Department of Health invites you to participate in a short survey aimed at identifying potential barriers to antenatal immunisation in Western Australia. Your insights will help shape future program initiatives to improve immunisation coverage rates among pregnant women.

Key details:

- Purpose: To identify barriers to antenatal immunisation in WA
- Time commitment: Approximately 5–10 minutes
- Deadline: closes 17 November 2025
- Impact: Your input will inform future planning and support improved immunisation outcomes

As an immunisation provider, your on-the-ground experience is invaluable. Your feedback will contribute to a better understanding of the challenges faced in antenatal immunisation and guide efforts to address them.

[Access the survey here.](#)

RACGP Webinar: What WA GPs Need to Know About Measles & Rabies

In partnership with the WA Department of Health, this webinar will provide key updates on measles and rabies, highlighting current trends, travel health risks, and practical strategies for clinical management. It will also explore how public health can support general practice - equipping healthcare professionals to respond effectively to these infectious diseases.

Speakers:

Dr Alex Shivarev – Consultant Public Health Medicine & Human Biosecurity Officer

Dr Anastasia Phillips – Public Health Physician

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When: Thursday, 6 November 2025 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (AWST)

Where: Online

CPD: 1 hour

Price: Free

[Register here](#)

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