



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**
Public Health

Communicable Disease Control Directorate

Dear WA Immunisation Provider

Update on transition to Prevenar 13[®] in WA from 1 July 2011

KEY POINTS

- Western Australia will replace Prevenar[®] 7 with Prevenar 13[®] on the WA Immunisation Schedule as of 1 July 2011.
- Orders for Prevenar 13[®] can be placed via the online ordering system, or fax, from 20 June 2011.
- Healthcare providers should destroy remaining stocks of Prevenar[®] 7 as of 1 July 2011. Wastage should be reported to the Communicable Disease Control Directorate using the accompanying wastage form.

From 1 July 2011 onwards all immunisation providers should be using Prevenar 13[®] in the routine immunisation programme. Prevenar 13[®] will be a direct replacement for the existing pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and will follow the same three dose schedule.

Children who have already received one or two doses of Prevenar[®] 7 prior to 1 July 2011 should complete their vaccination course with Prevenar 13[®] according to the routine vaccination schedule.

Prevenar 13[®] will be listed on ACIR from 1 July 2011. Providers are asked not to administer Prevenar 13[®] prior to this date.

Prevenar 13[®] is available in single or ten packs containing pre-filled syringes. Needles are not included.

Further information is available from the Prevenar 13[®] Product Information Leaflets: http://www.pfizer.com.au/sites/au/Products/Leaflets/PI_Prevenar13_418.pdf

Thank you for your assistance in protecting WA's children against vaccine preventable diseases.

Yours sincerely

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