

Immunisation for adults pre-dialysis, on dialysis or pre-/post-kidney transplantation

- Whenever possible vaccinations should be given prior to commencing dialysis or transplant.
- The administration of non-live vaccines should not delay the transplantation process. The administration of live vaccines is contraindicated during the 4 weeks before transplant. If a patient is active on the deceased donor list and requires a live vaccine – suspend them from list for 4 weeks post-vaccination. The administration of live vaccines is also contraindicated post-transplant.
- Pre-transplant includes – in transplant work-up, waiting for live donor transplant, or on deceased donor list.

For children aged under 18 years, please refer to the [Starship Clinical Guideline Renal vaccination record for paediatric CKD](#).

Vaccine	Additional notes	Recommended schedule	Pre-dialysis	On dialysis	Pre-transplant	Post-transplant (immunosuppressed)
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually, during the funded Influenza Immunisation Programme • Two doses are recommended in the first year post-transplant but only the first dose is funded • Influenza vaccination is recommended but not funded for household and other close contacts of pre-dialysis, dialysis, pre- and post-transplant patients. 	<p>If pre-dialysis, on dialysis, or pre-transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer one dose annually^a <p>If post-transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until 3 months post-transplant unless at high-risk of infection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at high risk of infection, e.g. during influenza epidemic, wait until 1 month post-transplant • Administer one funded dose annually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the first year post-transplant a second purchased influenza vaccination can be administered 4 weeks later to maximise the person's immune response to the vaccine • In subsequent years only one dose is required annually 	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED
SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COVID-19 vaccine being administered determines the number of doses and minimum interval between multiple doses • The vaccination schedule for individuals with kidney disease or who are immunosuppressed is the same as the schedule for those who are immunocompetent 	<p>If pre-dialysis, on dialysis, or pre-transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer vaccine doses following the recommended schedule for the available COVID-19 vaccine <p>If post-transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until 3 months post-transplant • Administer vaccine doses following the recommended schedule for the available COVID-19 vaccine 	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED
Haemophilus influenzae type b Hib (Hiberix)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer one dose 	Recommended NOT funded	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED
Hepatitis A (Havrix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give on the advice of renal specialist or transplant team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer two doses at least 6 months apart 	NOT funded	NOT funded	FUNDED	FUNDED
Hepatitis B (Engerix-B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give on the advice of renal specialist or transplant team • Check serology 4 weeks after 3rd dose – if non-immune, seek advice from renal specialist or transplant team 	<p>If pre-dialysis (20mcg)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer on 20mcg dose at each visit at 0, 1, 6 month intervals <p>If on dialysis or pre-/post-transplant (40mcg)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coadminister two doses of 20mcg/mL (i.e. 40 mcg) at each visit at 0, 1, 6 month intervals <p>If accelerated schedule requested by specialist or transplant team pre-transplant e.g. active on deceased donor list (40mcg)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coadminister two doses of 20mcg/mL (i.e. 40 mcg) at each visit Administer three doses at 0, 1, 2 months 	Recommended NOT funded	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED

Vaccine	Additional notes	Recommended schedule	Pre-dialysis	On dialysis	Pre-transplant	Post-transplant (immunosuppressed)
Human papillomavirus HPV9 (Gardasil 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for males and females 18–45 years of age inclusively^a 	<p>If pre-dialysis, on dialysis, or pre-/post-transplant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer three doses at 0, 2, and 6 month intervals <p>If accelerated schedule requested by specialist or transplant team pre-transplant, e.g. active on deceased donor list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer three doses at 0, 1, and 2 month intervals 	<p>FUNDED up to 27 years of age</p> <p>Recommended NOT funded 27 years or older</p>	<p>FUNDED up to 27 years of age</p> <p>Recommended NOT funded 27 years or older</p>	<p>FUNDED up to 27 years of age</p> <p>Recommended NOT funded 27 years or older</p>	<p>FUNDED up to 27 years of age</p> <p>Recommended NOT funded 27 years or older</p>
Meningococcal B 4CMenB (Bexsero)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be coadministered with any other vaccine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer two doses 4 weeks apart Schedule a precall for a booster dose every 5 years 	<p>NOT funded unless on immunosuppressive therapy for longer than 28 days</p>	<p>NOT funded unless on immunosuppressive therapy for longer than 28 days</p>	FUNDED	FUNDED
Meningococcal MCV4-D (Menactra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No NeisVac-C (MenCCV) required A minimum of 4 weeks is required between administration of Prevenar 13 and Menactra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer two doses 8 weeks apart Schedule a pre-call for a booster dose every 5 years 	<p>NOT funded unless on immunosuppressive therapy for longer than 28 days</p>	<p>NOT funded unless on immunosuppressive therapy for longer than 28 days</p>	FUNDED	FUNDED
Pneumococcal PCV13 (Prevenar 13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 4 weeks is required between administration of Prevenar 13 and Menactra If Pneumovax 23 has been administered before Prevenar 13, wait one year to give Prevenar 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer one dose 	<p>Recommended NOT funded</p>	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED
Pneumococcal 23PPV (Pneumovax 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer Pneumovax 23 a minimum of 8 weeks after Prevenar 13 	<p>If aged 18 years to under 60 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer one dose Schedule a pre-call for the second dose in 5 years Schedule a pre-call for the third/final dose 5 years after second dose or at age 65 years, whichever is later <p>If aged 60 years or older</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer one dose Schedule a pre-call for the second/final dose in 5 years 	<p>Recommended NOT funded</p>	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED

Footnote

a. Gardasil 9 is prescribed off-label for males aged 27–45 years inclusively. No safety concerns are expected. Vaccine efficacy is not expected to be significantly different to efficacy in females in the same age group.

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Polio IPV (Ipol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check immunisation history for a primary course of three polio containing vaccines 	<p>If unsure of polio immunisation history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer three doses with a minimum of 4 weeks between each dose 	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED
Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis Tdap (Boostrix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check immunisation history for a primary course of three tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccines 	<p>If unsure of tetanus/diphtheria immunisation history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer three doses with a minimum of 4 weeks between each dose <p>If has a confident recollection of completed tetanus/diphtheria immunisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer one Tdap at age 45 years if less than four documented tetanus containing vaccine doses Administer one Tdap at age 65 years 	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED	FUNDED
Measles/mumps/rubella MMR (Priorix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals born in 1969 or later who do not have two documented doses of MMR vaccine, or on the advice of renal specialist or transplant team 	<p>If less than two documented doses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a documented course of two MMR doses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer up to two doses at least 4 weeks apart^{a,b,c} or Doses as advised by renal specialist or transplant team 	FUNDED	FUNDED	<p>FUNDED for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria</p> <p>CONTRAINDICATED from 4 weeks pre-transplant</p>	<p>CONTRAINDICATED</p>
Varicella (chickenpox) VV (Varivax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give on the advice of renal specialist or transplant team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer two doses at least 4 weeks apart^{a,b,c,d} 	Recommended NOT funded	Recommended NOT funded		
Herpes zoster HZV (Zostavax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals aged 50 years or older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer one dose^c 	FUNDED for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria	FUNDED for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria		

Footnotes

- Patients who have received immunoglobulin or other blood products may require time for passive antibodies to decrease prior to administration of live varicella and MMR vaccines. Refer to Table A6.1: Suggested intervals between immunoglobulin product administration or blood transfusion and MMR or varicella vaccination in the current *Immunisation Handbook*.
- Two or more live vaccines can be given at the same visit. However, when live vaccines are administered at different visits, a minimum interval of 4 weeks is required.
- Live vaccines should not be given in the 4 weeks prior to transplant. If a patient is active on the deceased donor list and requires a live vaccine, suspend them from list for 4 weeks post-vaccination.
- Two doses of varicella vaccine are funded for a household contact of a pre- or post-transplant patient who is not immune to varicella, where the household contact has no clinical history of varicella infection or immunisation.