



2025 WA Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infant and Maternal Immunisation Program

FAQ for reception and administrative staff

For clinical queries, refer patients to their health care provider.

1. Who can get the RSV vaccine Abrysvo?

From 3 February 2025, pregnant women between 28 and 36 weeks of pregnancy can get Abrysvo. Outside this timeframe refer them to their health care provider.

Please note: Arexvy is only indicated for use in patients 60 years and over and should not be administered to pregnant women.

2. Who can get the RSV immunisation Beyfortus?

From 1 April to 30 September 2025, the following children will be eligible for Beyfortus:

- those born between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025, whose mothers did not receive Abrysvo during pregnancy
- those born on or after 1 October 2023 who are Aboriginal
- those born on or after 1 October 2023 with specific high risk medical conditions (MRC).

In the Kimberley and Pilbara regions, the immunisation is available to the above cohorts year-round.

3. Where can patients get these immunisations?

Pregnant women (Abrysvo): available at GP clinics, pharmacies, maternity hospitals, community health immunisation centres and Aboriginal Medical Centres.

Infants (Beyfortus): available at GP clinics, maternity hospitals, community health immunisation centres and Aboriginal Medical Centres, but not pharmacies.

4. Is a different appointment time required for Abrysvo or Beyfortus?

No, these immunisations can be booked and administered during a regular appointment.

5. Can a pregnant woman receive other vaccines at the same time as Abrysvo?

Yes, it can be given at the same time as other antenatal vaccines, for example influenza and whooping cough vaccines.

6. Can a baby receive other vaccines at the same time as Beyfortus?

Yes, it can be given at the same time as other childhood vaccines.

7. Do pregnant women need to bring any documents to an appointment to get the Abrysvo vaccine?

It is recommended that they should bring their Handheld Pregnancy Record.

8. Can babies get a Beyfortus immunisation if they are sick?

If a baby has a moderate or severe illness, it's best to delay Beyfortus until they are better. This helps to clearly tell if any side effects are related to the illness or to the recent immunisation. Refer them to their health care provider.

9. How can patients report side effects?

- For mild reactions (e.g. redness, swelling) – they can discuss with clinic staff if they are still in attendance, or can contact their health care provider if concerned about mild reactions.
- For serious reactions (e.g. breathing issues, severe swelling) – advise them to see a doctor or call 000 if it is an emergency.
- In WA, potential vaccine reactions can be reported to the [WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance System](#) at (08) 6456 0208.

10. Where can patients get more information?

- [HealthyWA 2025 Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Infant and Maternal Immunisation Program](#)
- GP or midwife.

11. After a patient has been immunised, where can they then find a record of this?

On the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) via:

- [My Health Record](#) in [MyGov](#)
- [Medicare Express Plus App](#)
- visiting a Medicare or Centrelink office
- calling the [AIR enquiries line](#) on 1800 653 809 for a statement to be posted.

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