



# Boostrix<sup>®</sup> vaccine for new parents

## Extended to 30 June 2011

Fax: 1300 768 088 or Email: [immunisation@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@health.vic.gov.au)

Immunisation enquiry Tel: 1300 882 008

Delivery enquiry Tel: 1800 008 275

Doctor name:	Account No.:	<i>OR</i>	LGA / Centre name:	Account No.:
*Medical Practitioner Board Registration No.:	Expiry:		*Health Services Permit No.:	Expiry:

\*LGAs are not required to complete Registration No. or Health Services Permit No.

LGA / Doctor / Centre delivery address (not post office box):	Date:
	Tel:
	Fax:

**In order to receive government funded vaccines, I agree that:**

- (1) The <sup>†</sup>Criteria for use of government vaccine is followed
- (2) I comply with the recommended vaccine cold chain storage of 2<sup>o</sup>-8<sup>o</sup>C as in the National Vaccine Storage Guideline, Strive for 5
- (3) In the event of a cold chain breach I will call the Immunisation Program **before** discarding or giving any vaccines.

Signature of authorised person:

Print name:

Vaccine antigens	Vaccine brand	Number of doses in stock	Number of doses required	Send 10 pack if available
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Boostrix <sup>®</sup>			<input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>†</sup>Criteria for use of government vaccine: [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/general/free\\_vaccines](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/general/free_vaccines)

Please allow a MINIMUM of 3 business days for processing and delivery of your vaccine order

Orders will not be filled unless the 'Number of doses in stock' column is completed



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# Frequently asked questions

Boostrix<sup>®</sup> vaccine for the prevention of pertussis (whooping cough) in new parents is *extended* to 30 June 2011

### **Which new parents are eligible for free Boostrix vaccine?**

- Parents with a baby born after 15 June 2009 who did not receive Boostrix in Year 10 of secondary school (commenced 2004) and who have never had a Boostrix or Adacel vaccine

### **When should parents be vaccinated with Boostrix?**

- As soon as possible after the birth of their baby

### **Where can parents access Boostrix vaccine?**

- Some hospital maternity services
- GP medical centres
- Some local council immunisation services

### **Why are babies at risk of pertussis?**

- No reliable protection is passed from the mother to the newborn baby
- Babies do not develop sufficient pertussis protection until their third dose of pertussis containing vaccine is completed at 6 months of age

### **What are the dangers of pertussis in babies under 6 months of age?**

- Pertussis causes coughing spasms often associated with vomiting and severe weakness
- Complications can include pneumonia, encephalopathy and death

### **What if a parent has had a recent tetanus containing vaccine?**

- A Boostrix vaccine can be administered at any time after a dose of a vaccine containing tetanus and diphtheria toxoids. The benefits of protection against pertussis are likely to outweigh the risk of an adverse event and justify vaccination with Boostrix.

### **Can breastfeeding mothers receive the Boostrix vaccine?**

- Yes, Boostrix is safe to be given to the breastfeeding mother

### **Where can parents and immunisation providers get further information?**

- A pamphlet, 'Protect your baby from whooping cough (pertussis)' can be ordered online at: [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation)