

Table 2.1.1: Pre-vaccination screening checklist

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This checklist helps decide about vaccinating you or your child today. Please fill in the following information for your doctor/nurse.

Name of person to be vaccinated _____

Date of birth _____

Age today _____

Name of person completing this form _____

Please indicate if the person to be vaccinated:

- is unwell today
- has a disease that lowers immunity (e.g. leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS) or is having treatment that lowers immunity (e.g. oral steroid medicines such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- is an infant of a mother who was receiving highly immunosuppressive therapy (e.g. biological disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (bDMARDs) during pregnancy
- has had a severe reaction following any vaccine
- has *any* severe allergies (to anything)
- has had any vaccine in the past month
- has had an injection of immunoglobulin, or received any blood products or a whole blood transfusion within the past year
- is pregnant
- has a past history of Guillain-Barré syndrome
- was a preterm infant
- has a chronic illness
- has a bleeding disorder
- identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- does not have a functioning spleen
- is planning a pregnancy or anticipating parenthood
- is a parent, grandparent or carer of a newborn
- lives with someone who has a disease that lowers immunity (e.g. leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS), or lives with someone who is having treatment that lowers immunity (e.g. oral steroid medicines such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- is planning travel
- has an occupation or lifestyle factor(s) for which vaccination may be needed (discuss with doctor/nurse)

Please specify: _____

Note: Please discuss this information or any questions you have about vaccination with your doctor/nurse before the vaccines are given.

Before any vaccination takes place, your doctor/nurse should ask you:

- Did you understand the information provided to you about vaccination?
- Do you need more information to decide whether to proceed?
- Did you bring your/your child's vaccination record card with you?

It is important for you to receive a personal record of your or your child's vaccinations. If you do not have a record, ask your doctor/nurse to give you one. Bring this record with you every time you or your child visit for vaccination. Make sure your doctor/nurse records all vaccinations on it.