

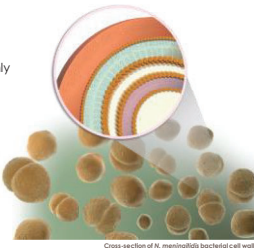
Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD)

An update on prevention in Australia

Invasive Meningococcal Disease


Caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*¹

- Meningococci are classified into serogroups that are determined by the components of the polysaccharide capsule¹
 - Globally, 6 serogroups most commonly cause disease²



A B C W X Y

- In Australia, three serogroups cause the majority of IMD³



B W Y

Cross-section of *N. meningitidis* bacterium cell wall (adapted from Rosenfield et al¹)

- Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), The Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th Edition (2018 update), Canberra: Australian Government Department of Health, 2018 [Accessed September 2018]
- Meningococcal meningitis factheet No 141, World Health Organization website, <http://www.who.int/mediacenter/factsheets/fs141/en/> [Accessed February 2017]
- Latra and Enriquez, Commun Dis Intell 2014; 40 (4):E503-E511
- Rosenfield NS, et al. N Engl J Med. 2001; 344:1018-1028

Symptoms are difficult to diagnose at early onset and develop rapidly^{1,2}

Medical intervention often does not occur until late

13-24 HOURS
POTENTIALLY LETHAL
Most progressed from non-specific initial symptoms to close to death within 24 hours

~13 hours - Median time to first hospitalisation*

- Neck pain and stiffness
- Hemorrhagic rash
- "Floppy muscle tone"
- Bulging fontanelle*
- Photophobia
- Confusion and delirium*
- Seizure

*In infants <1 year
*In children <5 years
*In children >1 year

24 HOURS

0-7 HOURS
NON SPECIFIC SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Irritability
- Nausea or vomiting
- Poor appetite or feeding
- Drowsiness
- Headache*
- Sore throat
- Thirst
- Leg pain
- General aches

*In children >1 year

8 - 12 HOURS
~8 hrs - Median time to first GP consultation*

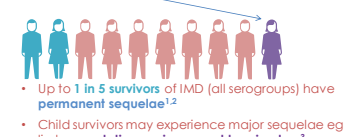


- Cold hands and feet
- Abnormal skin colour
- Breathing difficulty
- Increased thirst
- Diarrhoea

*In infants <1 year

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- van Duuren M, et al. Clin Microbiol Rev. 2006; 19:144-166

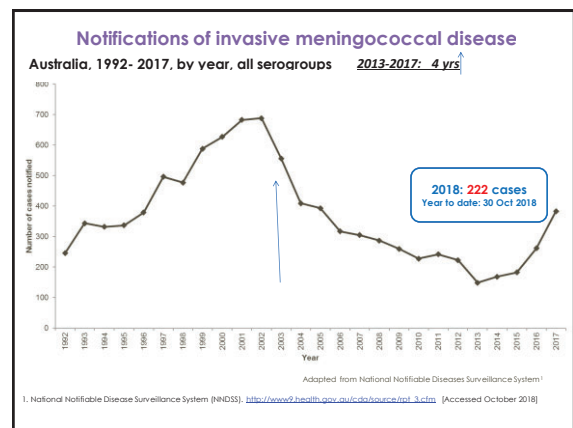
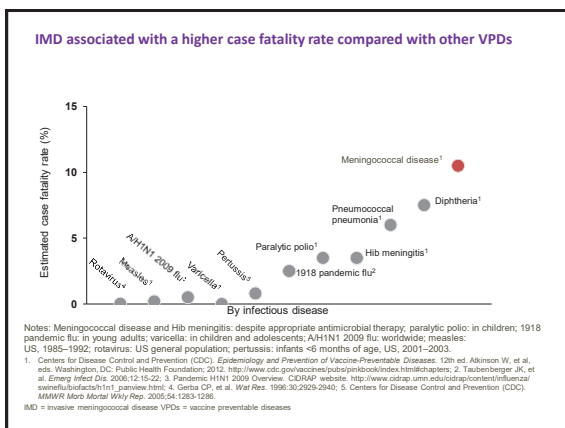
Meningococcal disease can be deadly and devastating¹⁻³

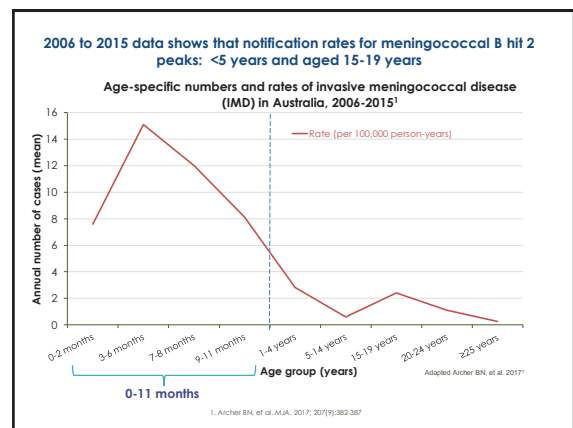
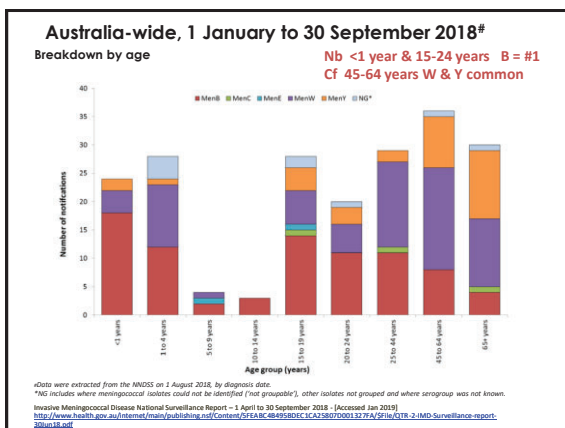
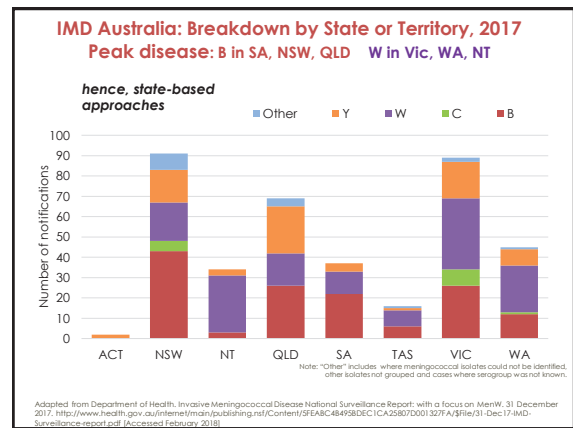
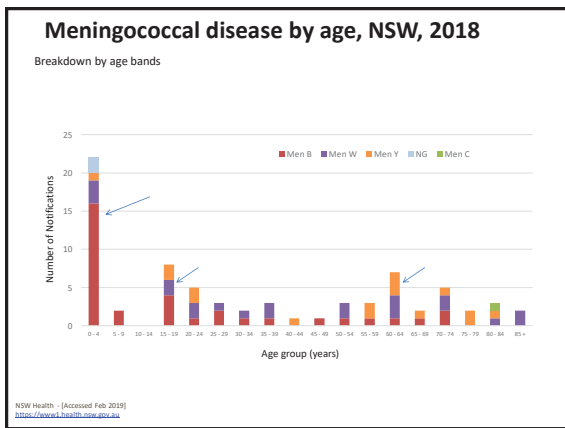
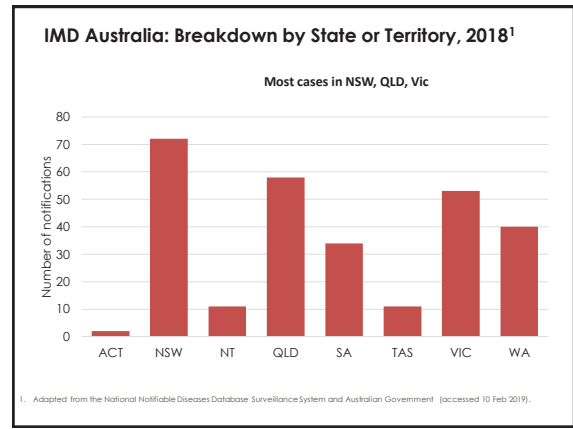
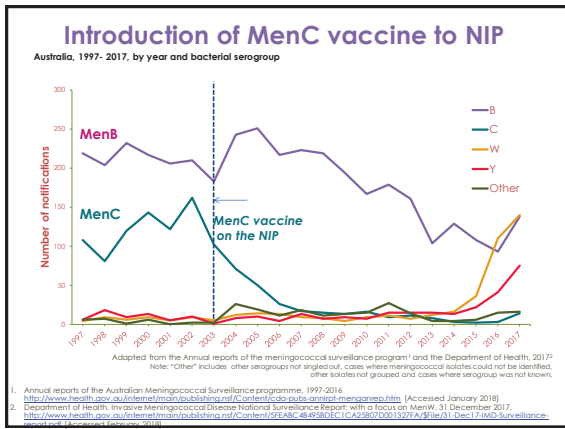
- Significant morbidity and mortality despite early diagnosis and appropriate medical treatment
 - ~10% of cases are fatal^{1,2}
- Up to 1 in 5 survivors of IMD (all serogroups) have permanent sequelae^{1,2}
- Child survivors may experience major sequelae eg limb amputations, seizures and hearing loss³
 - ~30% experience other deficits such as psychological disorders, digit amputations and unilateral hearing loss³

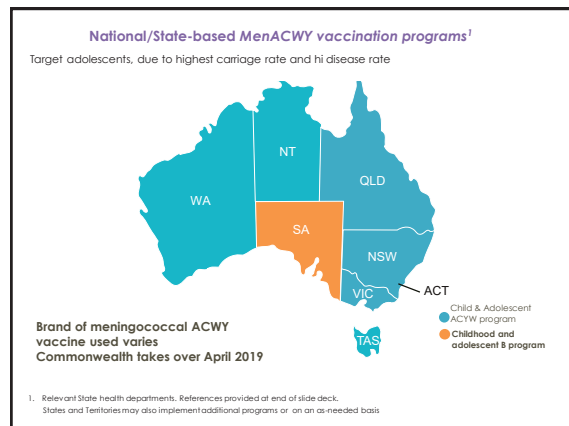
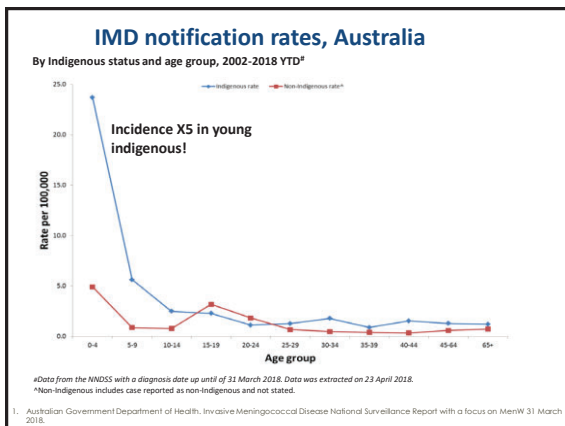




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NIP childhood schedule From 1 July 2018

Changes then and now

Age	Disease
Birth	Hepatitis B ^a
2 months (from 6 weeks of age)	DTPa-IPV-HBV/Hib PCV13 Rotavirus ^b
4 months	DTPa-IPV-HBV/Hib PCV13 Rotavirus ^b
6 months	DTPa-IPV-HBV/Hib
12 months	MenACWY MMR PCV13
18 months	Hib MMRV DTPa
4 years	DTPa-IPV

^a Hepatitis B vaccine: Should be given to all infants as soon as practicable after birth. The greatest benefit is if given within 24 hours, and must be given within 7 days.
^b Rotavirus vaccine: First dose must be given within 14 weeks of age. The second dose by 24 weeks of age.

Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH): Meningococcal vaccination recommendations

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***Refer also to NCIRS meningococcal fact sheet & FAQs**

Recommendations

All infants, children and adults

Any person from 6 weeks of age who wants to protect themselves against meningococcal disease is recommended to receive MenACWY vaccine and MenB vaccine

Infants and children

Infants and children aged <2 years are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY vaccine

Infants and children aged <2 years are strongly recommended to receive MenB vaccine

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Adolescents

Healthy adolescents aged 15–19 years are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY vaccine

Healthy adolescents aged 15–19 years are strongly recommended to receive 2 doses of MenB vaccine

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 2 months to 19 years are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY vaccine

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 2 months to 19 years are strongly recommended to receive MenB vaccine

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People with medical conditions that increase their risk of invasive meningococcal disease

People with medical conditions that increase their risk of invasive meningococcal disease are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY and MenB vaccines ▼

Laboratory workers

Laboratory workers who frequently handle *Neisseria meningitidis* are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY and MenB vaccines ▼

Travellers

People who travel to areas where meningococcal disease is more common, or who travel to mass gatherings such as the Hajj, are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY vaccines ▼

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Young adults living in close quarters

Adolescents and young adults living in close quarters are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY and MenB vaccines ▼

Smokers

Adolescents and young adults who are current smokers are strongly recommended to receive MenACWY and MenB vaccines ▼

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Meningococcal vaccines

The National Immunisation Program (NIP), state programs & private vaccines

Meningococcal C
Introduced to the NIP in 2003
Drastic reduction in disease

Meningococcal A, C, W & Y
Introduced to the NIP July 2018 to replace MenC +Hib at 12 months (Hib at 18ths)
All states & territories except SA have/had adolescent programs*
From April 2019, MenACWY vaccination of adolescents to be introduced to the NIP
Private prescription ≥ 6 weeks of age

Meningococcal B
Not currently on the NIP
Oct 2018, SA program for those aged 0-4 years
2019 program for 15-20 year olds
Private prescription in all other states for ≥ 2 months of age

1. Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), The Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th Edition (2017 update) - Canberra: Australian Government Department of Health, 2017
*The specifics of each program varies, including the brand of vaccine used. Please refer to your state or territory health department for more details. Note some programs may have now ended.

Quadrivalent ACWY meningococcal vaccines¹

Meningococcal A, C, W and Y conjugate vaccines

Vaccine	Indication	Dosing schedule
Menveo ² GSK	≥2 months	<6 months, 4 doses 7-23 months, 2 doses ≥2 years, 1 dose
Nimenrix ³ Pfizer	≥6 weeks	6-12 weeks, 3 doses ≥12 months, 1 dose
Menactra ⁴ Sanofi-Aventis	≥9 months– 55 years	9-23 months, 2 doses 2-55 years, 1 dose

Generally well tolerated, with the most common side effects (>10%) typically associated with vaccination

- ie. Injection site reactions, gastrointestinal upset, headache, fatigue. Not a complete list, refer to PIs for full details²⁻⁴

1. Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), The Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th Edition (2016 update) - Canberra: Australian Government Department of Health, 2016 (Accessed February 2017)
2. Menveo Product Information, GSK
3. Nimenrix Product Information, Pfizer
4. Menactra Product Information, Sanofi-Aventis

Meningococcal B vaccines¹⁻²

Recombinant meningococcal B vaccines

Vaccine	Indication	Antigen/s	Dosing schedule
Bexsero ¹ GSK	≥2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fHbp* NadA[†] NHBA[‡] NZ PorA P1.4: porin A 	Variable, depending on age at first administration
Trumenba ² Pfizer	≥10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fHbp* subfamily A (A05) fHbp* subfamily B (B01) 	Variable, depending on patient risk of IMD

*Factor H Binding Protein
†Neisseria Adhesin A protein (Ibe)
‡Neisseria Heparin Binding Antigen fusion protein (Ibe)

Bexsero and Trumenba are recombinant, **inactive** vaccines (ie. not live vaccines)

1. Bexsero Product Information, GSK
2. Trumenba Product Information, Pfizer
Trumenba is a trade mark owned by Pfizer. Bexsero is a trade mark owned by or licensed to the GSK group of companies

Men B vaccine PI update:

Approved dosing schedules for Bexsero in Australia


Administer by **deep intramuscular injection**, preferably in the anterolateral aspect of thigh in infants or deltoid muscle region of upper arm in older subjects

Dosage:	Primary immunisation	Minimum interval between primary doses	Booster
Infants 2-5 months*	2 doses 3 doses	≥ 2 months ≥ 1 month	Second year of life (≥6 months post primary series)
Infants 6-11 months	2 doses	≥ 2 months	Second year of life (≥2 months post primary series)
Toddlers 12 months - 23 months	2 doses	≥ 2 months	Need not established
Children (≥2 years) Adolescents & Adults [†]	2 doses	≥ 1 month	Need not established


*The safety and efficacy of the vaccine in infants <8 weeks have not been established. No data available
†The safety and efficacy of the vaccine in individuals above 50 years of age have not been established

1. Bexsero Product Information


Bexsero update: Real world experience



UK
Introduction of national vaccination campaign (2+1 schedule)
10 months after program introduction → 50% reduction in MenB cases in vaccine-eligible infants³



Canada
Regional vaccination campaign in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, Quebec and vaccination during a MenB outbreak at Acadia University, Nova Scotia



USA
Vaccination during MenB outbreaks at Princeton University, University of California at Santa Barbara, and Santa Clara University

Infants >2mths


Adolescents

1. Waboni P and Turner D. Vaccine 2016;34(8):75-880
 2. Ladhani et al. Arch Dis Child 2016;101:91-95
 3. Bexsero PI

Recommendations: Bexsero and Prophylactic Paracetamol, age < 2 years

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI)¹

1st DOSE* **VACCINATE** **2 ADDITIONAL DOSES**



*15mg/kg paracetamol within 30 minutes prior to vaccination (or as soon as practicable after)
¹ATAGI recommends doses of paracetamol be given 6 hours apart.

- Prophylactic use of paracetamol reduces the incidence and severity of fever without affecting the immunogenicity of either Bexsero or routine vaccines (PCV-7 and DTP-IPV-HBV/Hib)²
- The effect of antipyretics other than paracetamol on the immune response has not been studied²

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 2. Bexsero Product Information

Summary

- **IMD is a rare, but potentially fatal disease**
 - **difficult to diagnose** early due to non-specific symptoms
 - **symptoms develop rapidly**
 - even with appropriate medical treatment up to 10% of cases are fatal and up to 30% of survivors suffer from permanent sequelae
- **Changing epidemiology** has influenced changes to funded programs
 - MenACWY vaccine provided under NIP at 12 mth encounter: July 2018 (replaced MenC + Hib)
 - From April 2019, MenACWY vaccine will be available on the NIP for 14-16 year olds (catch-up program for those aged 15-19 years)
- In 2018 & many other years, MenB was the predominant serogroup in Australia
 - 1 Oct 2018, SA introduced a State-based funded MenB program for infants and (from 1 Feb 2019) adolescents
 - In all other states MenB is available on private prescription
- ATAGI strongly recommend MenB and MenACWY vaccination for at-risk groups
- Bexsero PI update includes a 2+1 vaccination schedule for those aged 2-5 months

Vaccine recommendations

Any person aged 6+ weeks *who wishes to protect themselves* against meningococcal to have **both MenACWY & MenB vaccines**

These vaccines are **strongly recommended** for :

- Infants aged 6 weeks < 2 years*
- Teens aged 15 - 19 years*
- All indigenous aged 2 months – 19 years*
- High risk conditions e.g. lab, crowded, smokers (15-24 years)*
- Travellers e.g. “meningitis belt”, Hajj*

All are considered high risk

Menactra, Menveo, Nimenrix (ACWY)

- Age <2 years: no preference; Menveo & Nimenrix 2/12 start, Menactra start from 9/12 of age
- If 12-23/12 one dose Nimenrix, two doses of other 2; best not give a Tet Tox vaccine 1/12 before Nimenrix (carrier interference)
- Age 2+ years: single dose of any, Menactra less favoured – less antibody and declines more
- Menactra not given with PCV13 as less pneumo antibody, but can give PCV13 first then 1/12 gap to Menactra
- Menactra must be given with or one month before Dip Tox, to prevent carrier interference

Bexsero and Trumenba

- Bexsero = recombinant, multi-component, given from 6 weeks
- Trumenba = recombinant, bivalent, from 10 years
- No preference for either if age 10+ years
- Should not mix schedules – if aged 10+ give 2 doses of each
- (Mixing is OK with MenACWY vaccines)

MenACWY and MenB vaccines are equally important from a clinical/public health perspective, but as yet only MenACWY is on the National Immunisation Program

Bexsero dosing schedule changes

2+1 schedule in infants:

change to update dosing schedule for infants 2 through 5 months of age to allow for a 2+1 dose schedule

0, 1 month schedule in children:

change to support a 0, 1 month schedule in unvaccinated children 2 through 10 years of age. Currently it is a 0, 2 month schedule.

Age at first dose	Primary Immunisation	Intervals between Primary Doses	Booster
Infants, 2 months to 6 months*	Two doses each of 0.5 ml Three doses each of 0.5 ml	Not less than 2 months Not less than 1 month	Yes: 1 dose in the second year of life, from the age of 12 months or later, with an interval of at least 6 months between the primary series and booster dose* Yes: 1 dose in the second year of life with an interval of at least 2 months between the primary series and booster dose*
Infants, 6 months to 11 months	Two doses each of 0.5 ml	Not less than 2 months	Yes: 1 dose in the second year of life with an interval of at least 2 months between the primary series and booster dose*
Toddlers, 12 months to 23 months	Two doses each of 0.5 ml	Not less than 2 months	Need not established*
Children, 2 years to 10 years	Two doses each of 0.5 ml	Not less than 1 month	Need not established*
Adolescents (from 11 years) and adults*	Two doses each of 0.5 ml	Not less than 1 month	Need not established*

* The first dose should be given no earlier than 2 months of age. The safety and efficacy of Bexsero in infants less than 8 weeks of age has not yet been established. No data are available.

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Meningococcal recommendations

Age group	Healthy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	Healthy non-Indigenous people	Special risk groups (including adolescent and young adult smokers and those living in close quarters; and laboratory workers)	Travellers to regions with an increased risk of exposure to MenACWY disease
6 weeks–23 months	MenB and MenACWY*	MenB and MenACWY*	MenB and MenACWY*	MenACWY*
2–4 years	MenB and MenACWY	None	MenB and MenACWY	MenACWY
5–14 years	MenB and MenACWY	None	MenB and MenACWY	MenACWY
15–19 years	MenB and MenACWY	MenB and MenACWY	MenB and MenACWY	MenACWY
≥20 years	None	None	MenB and MenACWY	MenACWY

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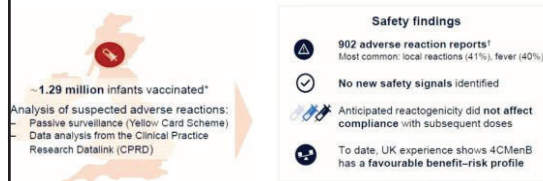
UK PHE MenB vaccination program

- 74% reduction in Men B disease in the vaccinated cohort
- Men B program has prevented ~ 250 cases
- Men ACWY program has prevented ~ 50 cases
- No safety signals identified from 5 million doses administered

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UK Safety Experience with Bexsero^{1,2}

Sep 2015-May 2017



The safety profile of 4CMenB was broadly as expected, with no serious safety concerns identified

- * 1.29 million infants aged 2-18 months received a combined 3 million doses between Sep 2015 to May 2017
- † Mainly relating to fever (40% and localised reactions (41%), and equates to 2429 adverse events

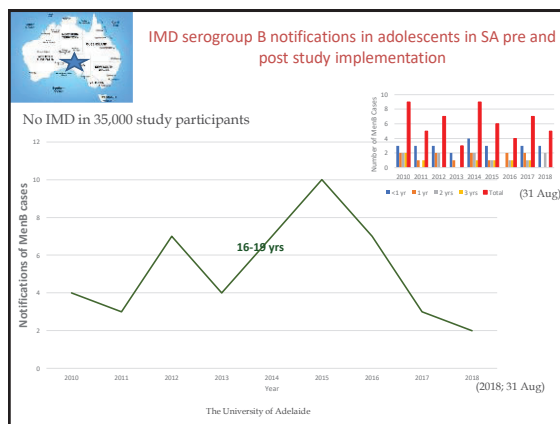
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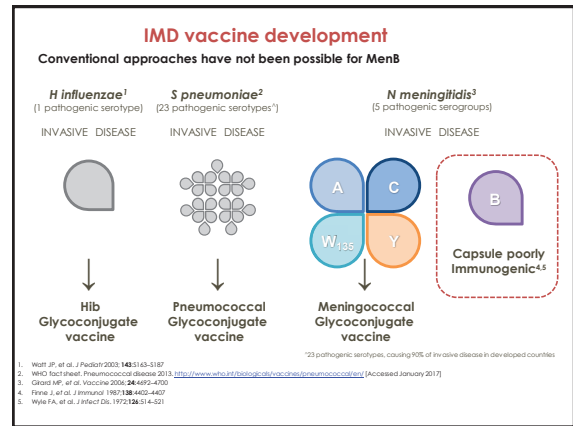
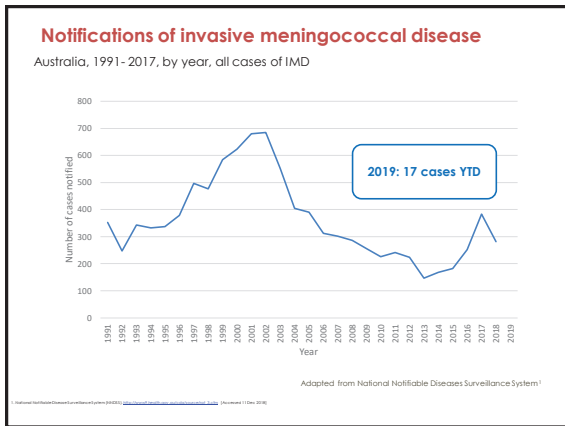
Carriage of *N. meningitidis* in high school students

"B Part of It" study

- Professor Helen Marshall
- NHMRC Senior Research Fellow
- Senior Medical Practitioner and Director WRTU, Women's and Children's Health Network
- Deputy Director, Robinson Research Institute, University of Adelaide

Preliminary results presented at IPNC, USA Sep 2018





Bexsero contains 4 antigenic components (4CMenB vaccine)

Identified using a "reverse vaccinology" approach

Bexsero = 3 recombinant surface-exposed protein antigens + OMV¹

NHBA: Neisseria Heparin-Binding Antigen + GNA fusion protein

fHBP: factor H Binding Protein + GNA fusion protein

OMV: NZ PorA P1.4: porin A

NadA: Neisseria adhesin A Protein

¹ Images are © Hurd Studies, 2012 and courtesy of GlaxoSmithKline
² Madsen G et al. J Immunol 2006; 177:501-510

Bexsero Consists of 3 Protein Antigens and an Outer Membrane Vesicle (OMV)*

- **Multicomponent (4) Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccine**
 - Has the potential to protect against the majority of MenB disease
 - Includes 4 antigen components

fHbp* **NadA** **NHBA*** **PorA 1.4 (as part of OMV*)**

¹ http://www.gsk.com/~/media/Images/Healthcare/Biologics/Bexsero/Bexsero_Presentation_2016.pdf

Bexsero approvals and recommendations

More than 20 million doses distributed worldwide since launch

41 APPROVALS

- EU/EEA: 31 countries (plus Andorra)^{1*}
- Other: Argentina², Australia³, Brazil⁴, Canada⁵, Chile⁶, Uruguay⁷, USA⁸

19 CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS¹

- Australia⁹, Austria¹⁰, Belgium¹¹, Brazil¹², Canada¹³, Cyprus¹⁴, Czech Republic¹⁵, France¹⁶, Germany¹⁷, Greece¹⁸, Hungary¹⁹, Poland²⁰, Portugal²¹, Spain²², Andorra²³, Ireland²⁴, Italy²⁵, UK²⁶, USA²⁷ (see below)

9 NIPs

- Andorra²⁸, Ireland²⁴, Italy²⁵, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, UK²⁶: NIPs implemented
- USA: Category B national recommendation²⁷

¹NIPs: National Immunisation Programmes
²States approved across EU and EEA countries under a centralised procedure (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK, Andorra is not listed in EU/EEA, but follows the same approval as Spain)
³Clinical recommendation in countries where Bexsero has been approved
 Please refer to slide notes for references