



# 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?

Pregnant women can get Abrysvo from 28 weeks of pregnancy. 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?

The following children residing, or soon to reside, in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions will be eligible for Beyfortus:

- Non-Aboriginal children without high-risk condition aged < 8 months
- Aboriginal children without a medical-risk condition up to 24 months of age
- All children with a medical-risk condition up to 24 months of age.

### 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 and children (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 patients get a Beyfortus immunisation if they are sick?

If a infant or child 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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