

# Vaccination In Malta

National and private perspective

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# Vaccination

- National Vaccination Schedule (Free)
- Private clinics.

# Vaccination

## National Immunisation Schedule

<u>Age</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>
6 weeks - 2 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1)
3 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1)
4 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1)
12 months	Hep B
13 months	Hep B + MMR
18 months	Hep B + DtaP-Hib-IPV
3 years	MMR
12 years	HPV (Girls)
12 years+6 month	HPV (Girls)
14 years	dT-IPV

# Vaccination - Law

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Polio
- Rubella (13 years - girls)

# Vaccine uptake

- 2015 - 99%
- 2018 - 97%
- Defaulters - letter x 2, phone call, social services, court.
- People mainly scared of MMR
- Some schools/nurseries insist on vaccination certificate

# Vaccination - others

- BCG (certain groups)
- Influenza (up to 5 years)

# Future

- PCV vaccine
- promised 2016 - still not available

# Vaccines - available

- DTap-Hib-IPV-Hep B (58€)
- PCV (56€ - Synflorix or 63€ - Prevenar)
- Men C - Menjugate / Neisvac C (36€)
- Men B - Bexsero (139€) - since 2017
- Men ACWY - Menveo / Nimenrix (56€)
- Varicella - Varilix (70€)
- MMRV - Priorix Tetra (94€)



# Private clinics

- Can be done in any Paediatric/GP clinic
- Doctor to inform Vaccination Centre immediately.
- Vaccines (not obligatory) can be done any time.

# Veduta Clinic

- Visit same day as Health Centre
- Encouraged to follow UK Vaccination Schedule
- Parents free to choose scheduling vaccines not on local schedule.
- Men C to be done earlier
- Most parents accept doctor's advice
- Vaccines coincide with growth/development assessment
- total cost 1352€ (for vaccines over and above)

# Veduta Clinic suggested Schedule

Age	Vaccines
2 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1), Rotavirus, PCV
3 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1), Rotavirus, Men C
4 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1), PCV
6 months	Men B
8 months	Men B
12 months	Hep B, Men C, PCV
13 months	Hep B, MMR +/- Varicella
16 months	Men B
18 months	DtaP-Hib-IPV (5 in 1), Hep B
21 months	Varicella
24 months	Men ACWY

# Bexsero

- Introduced in Malta in 2017
- Parents had been travelling overseas to get it
- Initially 175€ now 140€
- Majority of parents insist despite cost.

# Patient concerns

- MMR - Autism (word of mouth, social media)
- Fever
- Uncomfortable baby for few hours
- Still get disease (mildly)
- Least problem - cost
- Too many vaccines for a baby
- NB - vaccines continue during summer months

# Italian patients

- Explain that all these vaccines are free in Italy (especially Bexsero)
- Happy to use Italian schedule
- Majority ask for local schedule / Veduta advice
- Few refuse all vaccines



# Chronic Conditions

- Treated mostly at Mater Dei Hospital
- Private clinics
- Majority of Drugs are free (Schedule V)
- If drug needed is not on list, patient has to buy it.



# Specialists

- Up to 16 years treated by Paediatrician
- Over 16 years treated by adult specialists
- Up to 2015 most specialties did not exist.

# Specialties

Renal

Respiratory/Allergy

Cardiology

Neurology

General

Neonatology

Oncology

Endocrinology

Infectious disease

Gastroenterology, dermatology, rheumatology, ophthalmology, ENT are seen by adult specialists or paediatric surgeon

# Specialists

- Most consultants are general paediatricians who have done some work abroad in a specialty.
- Malta very small, little experience
- Visiting consultant clinic mostly from UK twice a year. GOSH

# Referral

- GP/General Paediatrician written/online referral to Mater Dei or Private Specialist
- Regular visits and investigation at Mater Dei or private hospital.
- Schedule V application (NHS) for medication.
- Medicines handed out every 2 months by prescription from pharmacy of choice.

# The End

Thank you!!!