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**35th Meeting  
4-5 October 2007**

- ATAGI held its 35<sup>th</sup> face to face meeting on 4-5 October 2007 in Melbourne.
- ATAGI considered childhood influenza vaccine recommendations in light of recent paediatric influenza associated deaths. At the current time ATAGI does not suggest any changes to the recommendations in the NHMRC Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Influenza Chapter for the 2008 influenza season. ATAGI has convened an Influenza Working Party to further examine issues pertaining to child immunisation against influenza.
- ATAGI developed post submission advice for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) on vaccines for herpes zoster and MMRV.
- The ATAGI Pneumococcal Working Party and the ATAGI Communications Working Party delivered progress reports. Their work continues.
- ATAGI reviewed reports of possible HPV adverse events. ATAGI noted jurisdictional plans to follow up adverse events following immunisation. ATAGI will continue to monitor this situation. No changes to HPV vaccine use are recommended at this time.
- Progress is continuing on finalisation of the Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. It is anticipated that hardcopies of the Handbook will be available towards the end of the year.
- The next ATAGI meeting is scheduled for 7-8 February 2008 in Canberra.