

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation

Strategic Intent

Vision

To protect all Australians from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Purpose

To provide evidence-based advice on immunisation policies, programs and research priorities to the Minister of Health and other key policy makers.

Strategic priorities

Uptake	Safety	Effectiveness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor vaccine coverage rates across all vaccines and in all populations. Help to make the AIR a source of useful, high quality data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build and disseminate information on the administration and safety of vaccines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote a focus on adult immunisation. Foster evaluations, including economic, to assess impact and outcomes of immunisation programs. Provide advice to Health and NHMRC on immunisation research or surveillance gaps.
Communication and engagement		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be the public voice of ATAGI products and outputs, including through the Australian Immunisation Handbook. Build and disseminate evidence on priority groups for immunisation, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Link with PBAC, CDNA, NIC, NHMRC, ACV. Engage with industry and community to support Vision and Purpose. 		
Equity of implementation and access		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice to the Minister for Health and Department of Health. Advice to PBAC on new and emerging vaccines. Advice to states and territories. Support the National Immunisation Strategy 2013-2018. 		
International collaboration		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with NITAGs globally and regionally to share information and develop advice on vaccine administration. 		

Current priorities

In 2016, ATAGI agreed to focus on:

- immunisation in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- influenza from a whole of population focus;
- identification of information gaps and research priorities;
- the use of evaluations, including economic in assessing outcomes and impact;
- immunisation in adults;
- improving communication;
- sharing information with other NITAGs;
- supporting the development of the Australian Immunisation Register; and
- collaboration with groups such as PBAC, CDNA and its subcommittees.

Operating principles

- A focus on continuous improvement in our work and methods of operating, in order to ensure quality outputs.
- Transparency of ATAGI's work program, its outputs and its members (including conflicts of interest).
- Immunisation experts will drive the development of advice through Working Parties.

Measurement and evaluation

ATAGI is committed to monitoring and measuring the impact that its advice has on the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases. This will be seen through:

- continued increases in vaccine coverage rates for all vaccines; and
- decrease in the incidence and prevalence of vaccine-preventable diseases.