

# QLD Adult Specialist Immunisation Service

## Information for Clinicians

The Queensland Adult Specialist Immunisation Service (QASIS) provides vaccination advice for people over 16 years of age with complex medical conditions as well as those who have experienced or are at risk of an adverse event following Immunisation (AEFI). We provide clinical advice related to a broad range of vaccinations, including those from the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and other non-funded/specialist vaccines. While physically located at the RBWH, we provide support to patients anywhere in Queensland.

## Our services

### Outpatient Clinical Consultations

We offer Telehealth / Phone appointments in the first instance, and then determine a suitable location for vaccination. **All consultations are by appointment only.**

### Eligibility

QASIS provides Immunisation to individuals **aged 16 and over living in QLD** who:

- have previously had, or are at risk of an AEFI or
- have an underlying complex medical condition or
- require post immunisation supervision in a hospital setting.

### Vaccinations

- COVID-19 vaccination (all available brands - Moderna, Pfizer, Novavax, AstraZeneca)
- Influenza vaccination
- Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccination
- Zoster (shingles) vaccination
- Additional vaccines for special risk groups e.g. pneumococcal, meningococcal
- Travel vaccination - **may incur a cost to the patient**
- Catch up National Immunisation Program (NIP) vaccination
- Other state funded vaccines e.g. measles/mumps/rubella, hepatitis B

### Specialist vaccinations

- Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) vaccination
- Monkeypox (MPX) vaccination
- Intradermal (ID) hepatitis B vaccine for non-responders (see "In-Scope criteria")
- Yellow fever vaccination (see "In-Scope" criteria)

## How to access the service

The Qld Adult Specialist Immunisation Service is available **via referral**. Referrals are accepted through Central Patient Intake Unit (CPIU) by:

- **Smart Referrals (under Immunology) or**
- **E Referrals (E.g., Medical Objects – ID: MQ40290004P)**

## Referral Requirements

Individuals can be referred to QASIS by their treating doctor or General Practitioner. More information on referral information requirements can be found via the QASIS [website](#) listed below

### In- Scope

- A history of previous serious AEFI. Adverse events may be at the site of injection, a general illness, or a general allergic reaction.
- Persons with **severe** allergies to any vaccine components e.g., antibiotics, gelatin, egg proteins, polyethylene glycol (PEG), polysorbate etc.
- A history of confirmed mastocytosis with recurrent anaphylaxis that requires treatment.
- Persons with **severe** immunocompromise due to disease or treatment.
- Intradermal (ID) hepatitis B vaccination for non-responders meeting the following criteria:
  - Receipt of >5 doses of intramuscular hepatitis B vaccine in total AND
  - No evidence of ever having achieved an anti-HBs / HBsAb level >10 IU/mL at any stage in their lifetime AND
  - Recent pathology testing which excludes current or past hepatitis B infection (i.e., negative hepatitis B surface antigen AND negative hepatitis B core antibody).
- Persons requiring yellow fever vaccination / exemption with the following risk factors only:
  - Pregnancy, breastfeeding, HIV+, aged over 60, history of anaphylaxis, severe immunocompromise (NB patient must pay for the cost of the vaccine).

## Location and Contact Details

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