

# Clinician Referral Guide to the Victorian Specialist Immunisation Services (VicSIS)

The purpose of this document is to provide clinicians and vaccine providers with additional information for when it is appropriate to refer patients into VicSIS vs when patients can receive their vaccines in clinic.

Does the patient meet the following criteria?

- Previous cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), splanchnic vein clots or thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)
- Anaphylaxis or generalised allergic reaction (without anaphylaxis) to any component of the COVID-19 vaccine to be administered
- A history of PEG or polysorbate related reactions and/or a history of multiple allergic reactions to other medications containing PEG or polysorbate.
- Immediate (within 2 hours) and generalised symptoms of a possible allergic reaction (e.g. hives) to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine

Yes

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No

Does the patient meet the following criteria?

- A mast cell activation disorder with raised mast cell tryptase needing treatment and has been unable to tolerate previous injections (e.g. flu vaccine)

Yes

**Referral to VicSIS**

No

Proceed to vaccinate at GP clinic or vaccine hub with **30-minute observation period.**

Does the patient meet the following criteria?

- Previous history of anaphylaxis to other vaccines or multiple drugs

Yes

Proceed to vaccinate at GP clinic or vaccine hub with **30-minute observation period.**

No

If the patient meets the following criteria:

- History of allergy, including anaphylaxis to food, venom, or latex
- Allergic conditions including asthma, atopic dermatitis (eczema), or allergic rhinitis (hay fever)
- History of other clots not described above (e.g. pulmonary embolus, DVT) or other clotting conditions (e.g. Factor V Leiden)
- History of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)\*

Yes

**Proceed to routine vaccination at GP clinic or vaccine hub.**

\*if platelets <20, reduce risk of haematoma at injection site with pressure/cool compress

**Referral to VicSIS**

VicSIS referral form can be found [here.](#)

Does the patient meet the following criteria?

- Significantly immunocompromised (e.g. on chemotherapy, DMARDs, post bone marrow transplant)
  - On anticoagulants with INR>3
  - Previous multiple sclerosis/Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS)
- Or GP not comfortable to proceed

No

**Proceed to routine vaccination at GP clinic or vaccine hub.**

Yes

Refer to the [MVEC resources](#) and [The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)

Refer to treating specialist

Have the queries of the vaccinee been addressed and the immunisation provider happy to proceed?

Yes

No