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MasterClass Meeting: Vaccination of older people

The benefits of vaccination – health promotion and beyond

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th May 2026

Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne

This meeting is specifically intended for those in training, i.e. primarily Basic and Advanced Trainees, and early to mid-career specialists in those fields where vaccination is core business- geriatricians, respiratory physicians, clinical immunologists, gastroenterologists, rheumatologists, haematologists and cardiologists.

Registrars intending to pursue a career in one of the above clinical areas are warmly invited to the meeting. There are a maximum of 20 positions for Registrars. Registration is free when using the promotion code '**IMCO**'. Registration includes one night's accommodation at the Sofitel, and return airfares if coming from outside of Victoria.

The promotion code is for Registrars (Basic and Advanced Trainees) only.

To read more and register for the meeting, please use the link below:

<https://www.immunisationcoalition.org.au/masterclass/>

Meeting Objectives

To help specialist physicians gain a thorough understanding of vaccines and the role of vaccination in preventing infectious diseases, and of the other benefits of vaccination.

To also promote an understanding of the important role physicians play in enabling their patients and referring doctors to appreciate the importance of vaccination in promoting healthy aging, by discussing vaccination with patients and in communication with the referring doctor.

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Finally, it is hoped that some attendees will go on to become advocates for vaccination within the College, their Specialty Societies and in the public arena.

Program Summary

- Presentations, panel discussions and workshops
- Delivered by internationally well-known and other Australian experts
- Fantastic networking opportunity
- Friday night event dinner

This event is hosted by the Immunisation Coalition, a not-for-profit organisation providing high quality, independent, evidence-based infectious diseases education for Australian HCPs.

Day 1

- Burden of vaccine-preventable diseases
- The importance of vaccination to healthy ageing
- Real world safety and effectiveness across the lifespan
- Immunosenescence - impact on disease risk and vaccine efficacy
- Smart Vaccination - overcoming immunosenescence
- The role of the specialist (using geriatric medicine as an example)
- Vaccine advocacy and overcoming vaccine hesitancy
- Implementation strategies - getting vaccines into arms
- **Workshop 1 - Recommendations from the specialist- impact on vaccination rates and managing conversations with patients**
- The unvaccinated patient - medical and clinical implications
- The other benefits of vaccination
- Vaccine delivery - NIP, private scripts, timing, co-administration opportunities
- What GPs want from specialists - survey results
- Dinner Topic

Day 2

- Vaccination in aged care
- Vaccination in the immunocompromised patient
- Influenza
- COVID-19
- Long COVID-19
- Pneumococcal Disease
- RSV
- Shingles
- Meningococcal Disease
- Pertussis
- **Workshop 2- How to drive vaccine uptake by being proactive with the primary care team**
- Vaccinating First Nations people
- Expectations and 3 month follow up survey

*For interstate delegates:
Fly to Melbourne on the evening of 7 May*

Flight and accommodation costs are paid for by the Immunisation Coalition