

Kia ora, as an additional intervention in our winter wellness programme we'd like to support you to offer your Māori and Pacific COPD patients the following:

- Pneumococcal vaccines.
Pevnar 13 (cost \$168.20)
Pneumovax23 (given at least two months later, cost \$64)
- Boostrix (cost \$34.44 incl gst, for not eligible for funded immunisation under the NZ National Schedule)*
- FLU IS FULLY FUNDED for patients with COPD and should be given at the earliest possible opportunity.

GOLD COPD 2023 guidelines recommend COPD patients receive (Evidence B) a dose of conjugate vaccine (in NZ this is Pevnar 13) followed by a dose of Polysaccharide vaccine (in NZ this is pneumovax23). This is because pneumococcal vaccination has been shown to reduce exacerbations and the incidence of community acquired pneumonia in people with COPD.

The lung foundation of Australia recommends that all people with COPD receive PVC13 followed 12 months later by PPV23 and second PPV23 at least 5 years after the first PPV23 (Note - a lifetime maximum of 2 PPV23 vaccines recommended and also a minimum 2 months between PCV13 and PPV23 recommend).

Of the 2 vaccine types – Pevnar 13 is more immunogenic, producing the longer immune response and should be administered first in those not previously vaccinated. If the patient has not already received the flu vaccine this year, giving the pneumococcal vaccine at the same time as the flu vaccine enhances vaccine efficacy.

Pertussis immunisation is recommended but not funded by Manatu Hauora for adults with a medical condition who are at increased risk of severe consequences of pertussis (eg, those with chronic respiratory disease).

We will fund immunisation for those recommended but not currently funded to receive these immunisations as below. As these vaccines are to be administered outside of the schedule, **you will need to follow your usual procedure for giving off schedule vaccines (eg have them prescribed, administer under standing order etc).** Immunisation should be provided free to the patient.

Immunisation/assessment	Eligibility Criteria	Payment to practice	Code in your PMS
Pevnar 13	Part 1. Māori/Pacific patient with a diagnosis of COPD , who has NOT received a previous pneumococcal vaccine	\$210 ex GST	Description; Winter wellness Pneumococcal13 Code in PMS for claiming WWPN13

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Pneumovax 23	Part 2. Māori/Pacific patient with a diagnosis of COPD who has previously received pneumococcal vaccine OR received Prevnar13 at least two months ago.	\$105 ex GST	Description; Winter wellness pneumococal23 Code in PMS for claiming WWP23
Boostrix	Māori/Pacific patient with a diagnosis of COPD	\$70 ex GST	Description; Winter wellness Boo Code in PMS for claiming WWBOO
Winter wellness one hour nurse led review.	Māori/Pacific patient with a diagnosis of COPD	\$200 ex GST	Description COPD Winter wellness check Code in PMS for claiming. COPDWW

Additional pneumococcal vaccine required can be purchased from Healthcare Logistics. There is a small order handling fee (small orders 1-4 vaccines = \$45, 5-9 vaccines \$25 and >10 exempt).

*Boostrix is funded for eligible individuals:

- Those who need a tetanus booster immunisation because of a wound;
- From 45 years if have received fewer than four tetanus doses in their life-time;
- Everyone from 65 years old if it has been more than 10 years since previous dose of Td or Tdap.

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