

c Vaccine information handbook for parents and care-givers

The Centre for Vaccines and Immunology of the NICD has compiled a vaccine information handbook for parents and care-givers. The booklet provides information about vaccines that are currently part of the state-sponsored 'Expanded Programme on Immunisation' (EPI) as well as those that are available in the private sector.

The booklet also answers frequently asked questions that parents and care-givers have about vaccines. Vaccines included in the booklet are polio, BCG (against tuberculosis), measles, diphtheria,

tetanus, whooping cough, and newer vaccines, such as those against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, rotavirus, hepatitis B, *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, *Neisseria meningitidis* and chickenpox. The measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine is also included. The handbook can be downloaded from the NICD web page www.nicd.ac.za on the 'Resources' tab.

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