



# The National Immunisation Register

Information for adults about where your immunisation details are held

Information about the immunisations you've had today will be recorded in the Ministry of Health's National Immunisation Register (NIR).

The NIR will make sure that information about your immunisations is kept up to date, even if you change your doctor or go to a health service in another part of the country.

The NIR is also used to help control diseases by providing information about immunisation coverage across the population.



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## What information is recorded on the NIR?

The following details will be recorded:

- your name, address, date of birth, sex, ethnicity and health number (National Health Index or NHI) <sup>1</sup>
- your health care provider
- this vaccination.

The NIR will also be able to record if you choose not to immunise for a particular vaccine, or if there are medical reasons not to do so.

Only authorised health care providers can see, add or change the information held on the NIR. These may include your family doctor, nurse, midwife or other health professional.

You may request a copy of your immunisation details at any time, or request that information be corrected, through your health care provider.

## Can I opt off the NIR?

You may decide that you do not want to have your immunisation details recorded on the NIR. If you choose to opt off the NIR at any time, you will need to complete an 'opt off' form. This places a note on the NIR to make sure no more immunisations are recorded for you. Your personal NHI, date of birth, district health board (DHB) and any immunisations given before you decided to opt off, will be retained so that future immunisations are not recorded.

## For more information about the NIR

- Talk to your family doctor or nurse.
- Call your local public health service.
- Contact the NIR administrator at your district health board (DHB).

Check out the immunisation page on the Ministry of Health website: [health.govt.nz/immunisation](http://health.govt.nz/immunisation).

<sup>1</sup> The National Health Index is a number given to each individual when they are born and has been part of the New Zealand health system for many years. The NHI number makes it easier for health care providers to identify each individual patient.