



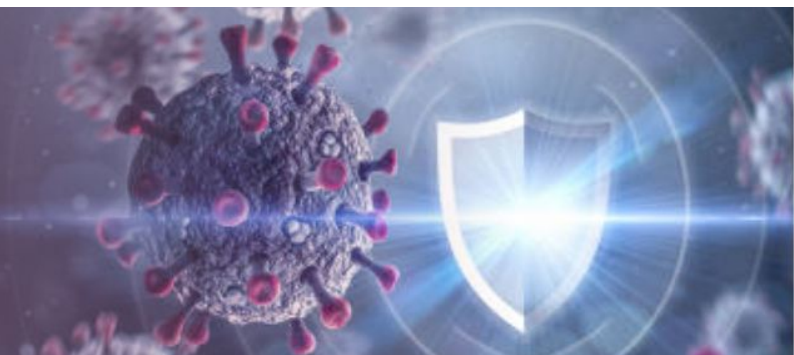
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Delivering vaccinations effectively in primary care and pharmacy



Purpose Statement

We want every Australian to have access to the best Healthcare, and to enhance the lives of Australians through safe, quality, and effective use of medicines.

We are committed to embedding, equipping and enabling pharmacists to be at the forefront of healthcare.

We will continue to reflect on our contribution and our engagement with each other. We are stronger when we work together.



Learning objectives

Describe how policy changes have affected the uptake of vaccinations in pharmacy.

Discuss state and territory variations in vaccination policy as they relate to pharmacists and where pharmacists can find resources to support their practice.



Australia's pharmacist vaccination journey

Most states start pharmacist influenza vaccination

2016

dTPa and MMR

2015

Jurisdictions add more vaccines, inc. dTPa & MMR

2016-2019

QPIP starts Influenza

2014

Pharmacists support COVID-19 vaccination roll-out

2021

NIPVIP starts

2024

Jurisdictions progressively add additional vaccines (e.g. HPV, JEV), reduce minimum age restrictions and increase NIP access via community pharmacy

2021-2023

Travel Health Pilot (Victoria)

2024

ALL VACCINES
ALL AGES
ALL LOCATIONS



Pharmacist vaccine formulary September 2023

	Influenza	dTPa	MMR	COVID19	Cholera	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	Hep A	Hep B	Men ACWY	Men B	Pneumo-coccal	Herpes zoster	Polio	HPV	JEV	mPox	Typhoid	Varicella
ACT	5+	12+	12+	5+	-	-	5+	5+	14+	-	-	50+	5+	12+	-	-	5+	-
NSW	5+	5+	5+	5+	-	5+	5+	5+	5+	5+	-	50+	5+	9+	5+	-	5+	5+
NT	10+	16+	16+	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
QLD	✓	16+	16+	✓	16+	16+	16+	-	10+	-	16+	-	16+	-	-	-	-	-
SA	5+	10+	10+	5+	-	10+	10+	10+	10+	10+	-	50+	10+	10+	5+	-	-	10+
TAS	5+	16+	16+	5+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIC	5+	12+	15+	✓	-	-	-	-	15+	-	50+	50+	-	12+	5+	5+	-	-
WA	5+	11+	11+	✓	-	-	-	-	11+	-	-	-	-	11+	-	-	-	-



Pharmacist vaccine formulary 1 May 2024

	Cholera	COVID-19	DTP	Hib	Hep A	Hep B	Herpes zoster	HPV	Influenza	JE	MMR	Men ACWY	Men B	Men C	mPox	Pneumo-coccal	Polio	Rabies	RSV	Typhoid	Varicella
ACT	-	5	5	5	5	5*	50	10	5		5*	5	5	5			5	-		5	5
NSW		5	5	5	5	5*	18	9	5	5	5*	5	5	5		50	5		60	5	5
NT		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	✓	5	5	5	5	18	5	5				5
QLD	2	✓	2	2	2	2	2	2	✓*	2	2	2	2*	2		2	2		✓	2	2
SA		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5*	5		5	5				5
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WA		5	5			5*	5	5	5*		5*	5	5	5		5	5				5

NIP or CVCP funded vaccines for eligible patients

NIP funded vaccines may not be available for ordering by community pharmacies. Contact state health dept if required.

* State funded vaccines for eligible patients (if ineligible for NIP)

Non-govt funded vaccines only

Not permitted

~ Only under the Victorian Community Pharmacist Pilot

IMPORTANT: Additional restrictions may apply. Refer to state and territory pharmacist vaccination authorisations. Pharmacists must adhere to recommendations of the Australian Immunisation Handbook and ATAGI

NIP Vaccinations in Pharmacy (NIPVIP) Program

The NIPVIP Program commenced on 1 January 2024.

The Program provides funding to community pharmacies to administer NIP vaccines to eligible consumers with no out-of-pocket costs.





NIPVIP Program Rules

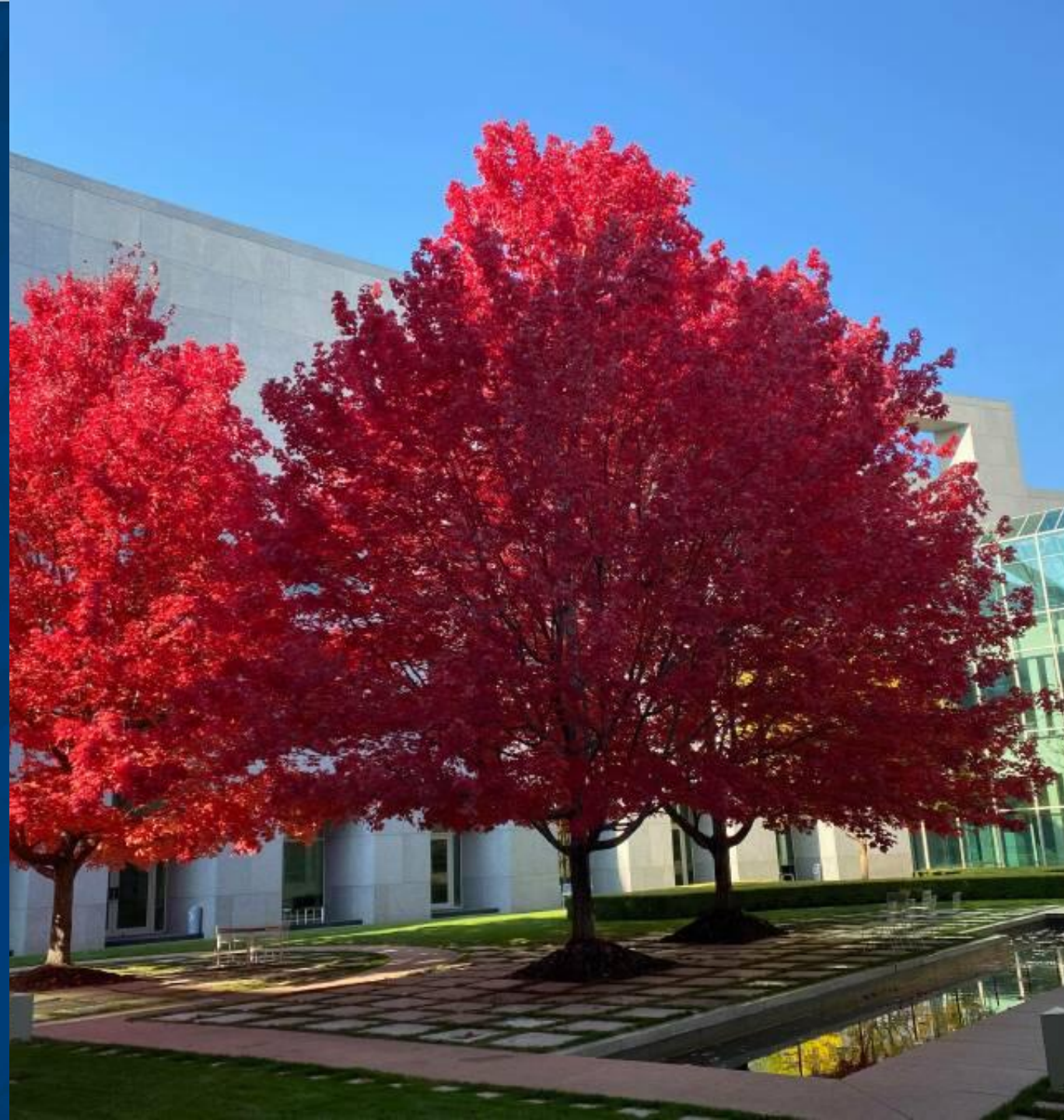
The NIPVIP Program was limited to NIP vaccines administered:

- in a pharmacy setting
- to individuals aged 5 years and older
- for the vaccines, and age cohorts, permitted under state and territory legislation.

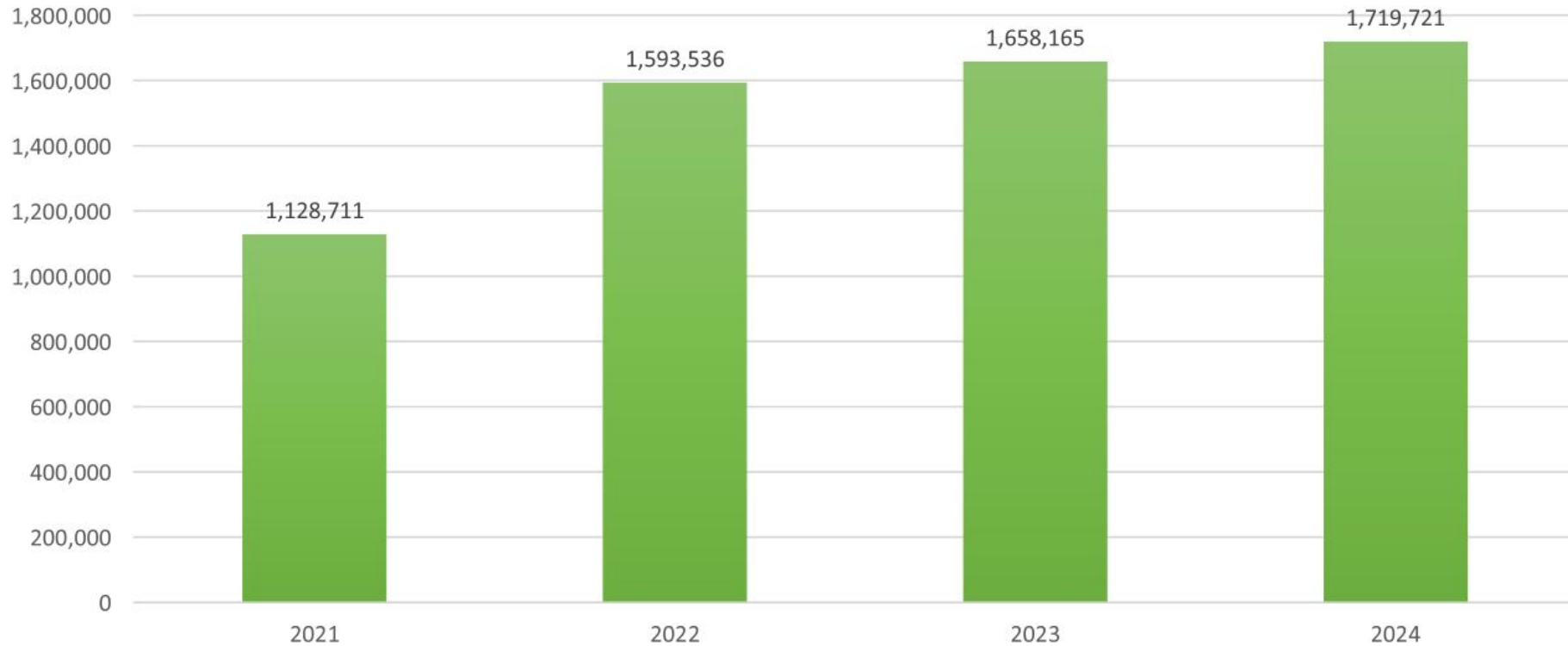
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Expansion of NIPVIP to include Aged Care Homes and Disability Facilities

Indexation of fees to administer NIPVIP vaccines.

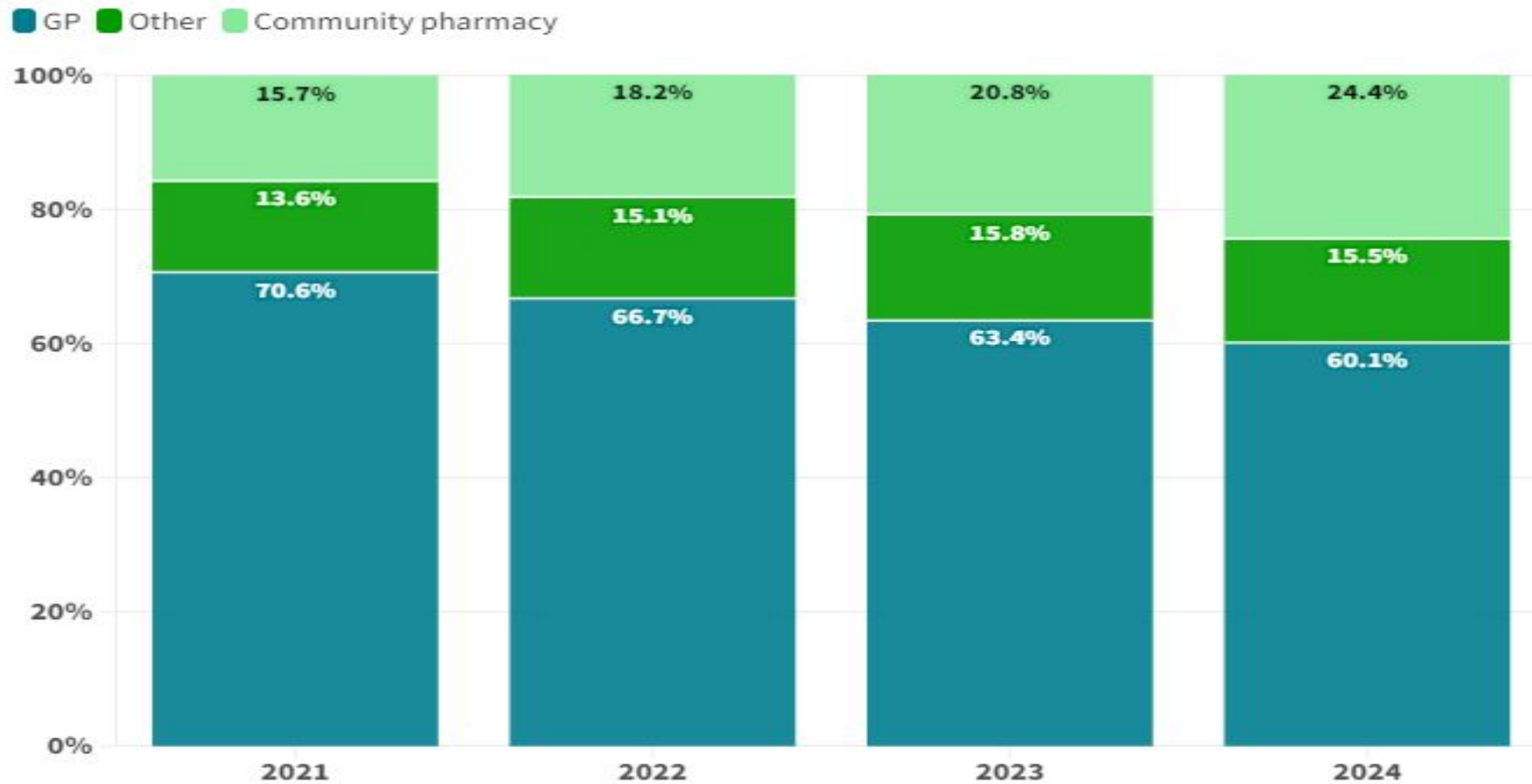


Number of influenza vaccines administered by community pharmacists (1 March to 2 June 2024)



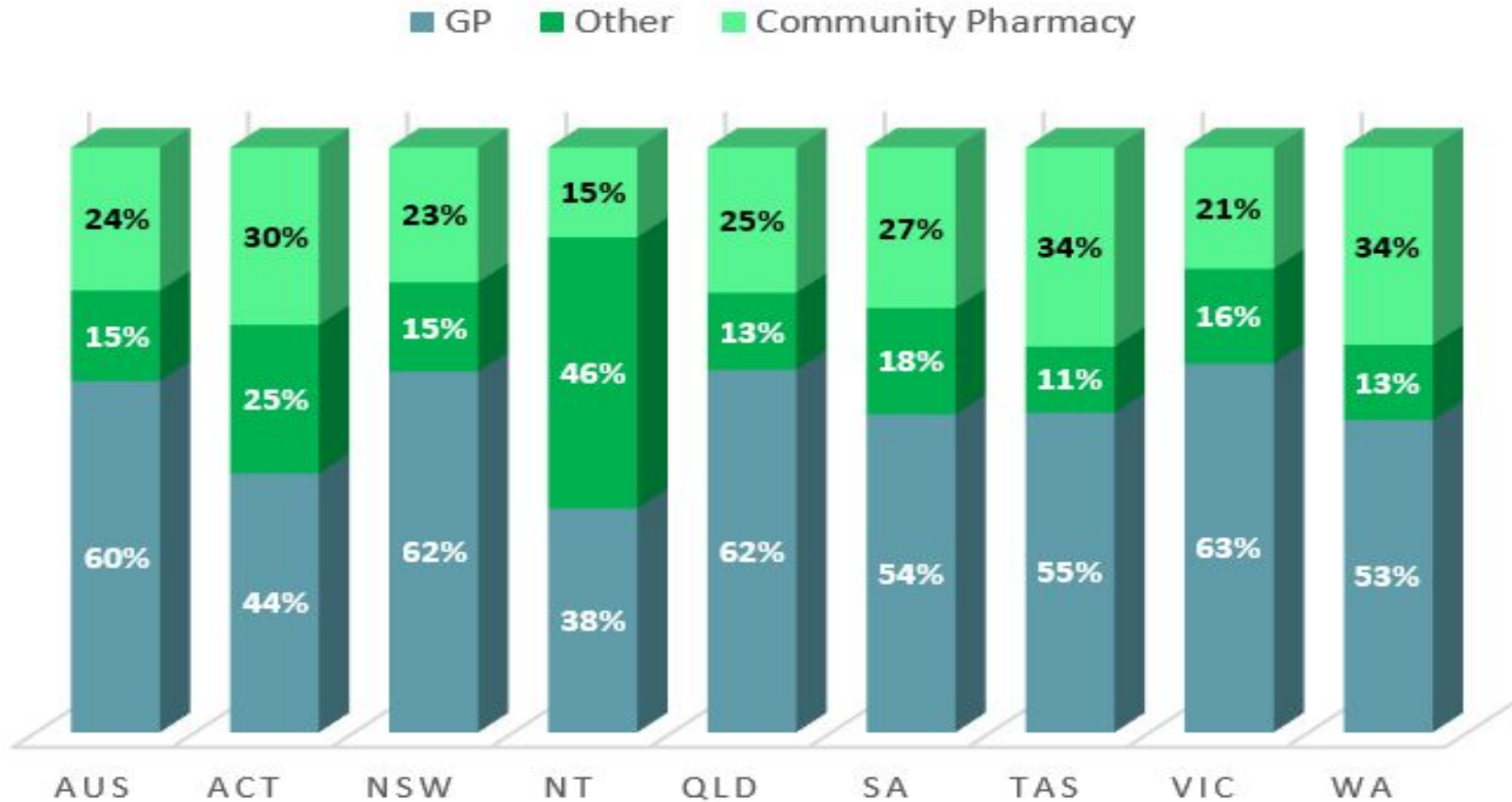
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Percentage of influenza vaccines administered by provider type (YTD)

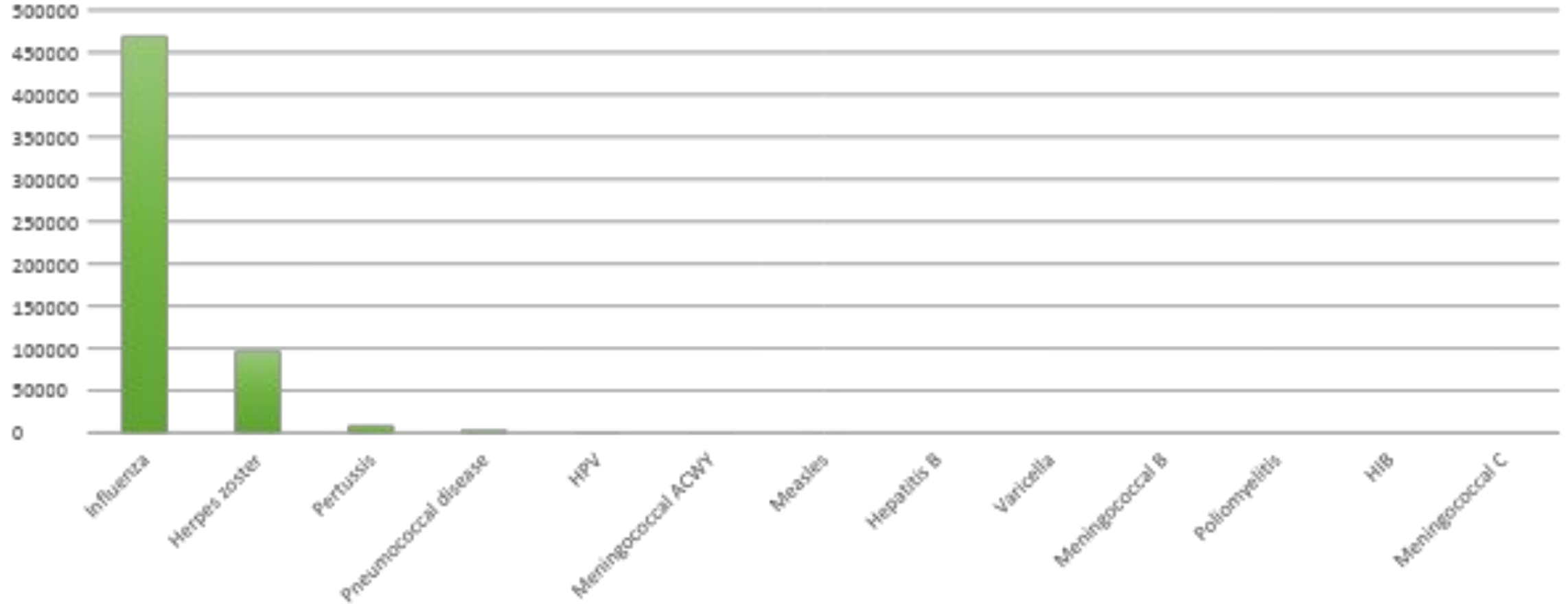


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State variation – Influenza vaccination 2024 (YTD)



NIPVIP claims 1 January to 3 June 2024



Improving vaccine uptake in pharmacy

Audience-driven messages

Share personal narratives

Time-sensitive messages



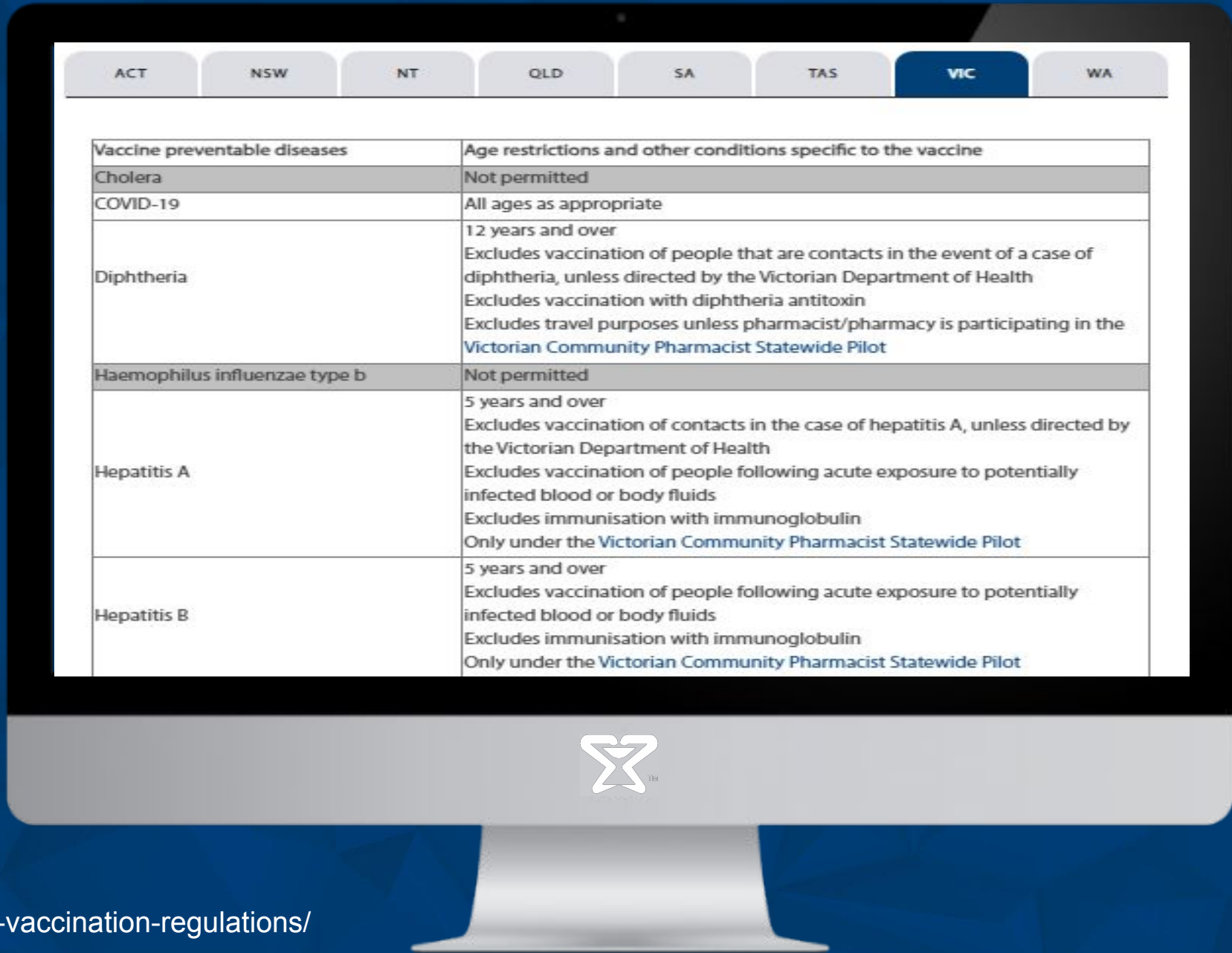


Campaign to life-course

For older adults, in 2024 the following vaccine preventable diseases are focus areas for pharmacists:

- COVID-19
- Influenza
- Shingles
- RSV*
- Pneumococcal

*NSW, QLD, VIC



PSA State & Territory:
www.psa.org.au/state-vaccination-regulations/



Funding considerations and ordering government-funded vaccines

1. Covid vaccination funding is available see: [COVID-19 Vaccination in Community Pharmacy \(CVCP\) Program](#).
2. Community pharmacies may be eligible to receive a payment for administering National Immunisation Program (NIP) Vaccines. For information about this program, see [National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy \(NIPVIP\) Program](#).
3. Community pharmacies may be able to order free stock of NIP vaccines. Refer to [Guidance for Pharmacist Immunisers – Access to pharmacist approved NIP vaccines](#) for information about ordering vaccines.
4. State funded Hepatitis A vaccines are available for NSW residents who post exposure management.
5. [State funded Hepatitis B vaccines](#) are available for some NSW residents including:
 - Aboriginal people
 - household and sexual contacts of acute and chronic hepatitis B cases
 - men who have sex with men
 - injecting drug users
 - sex workers
6. [State funded MMR vaccines](#) are available for NSW residents born during or after 1966 and rubella seronegative post-natal women.
7. [State funded Japanese encephalitis vaccines](#) are available for NSW residents who meet the specified criteria.





Q&A

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