

Where should I inject vaccines?

A consistent approach has the following benefits:

- In the event of a severe local reaction, the vaccine brand can be quickly identified.
- The site of vaccination is accurately recorded.
- Confidence is improved when vaccinating children.

At 12 and 18 months of age three separate limbs (each deltoid and one anterolateral thigh) may be used. Inject the least reactogenic vaccine into the anterolateral thigh.

2 (from 6 weeks), 4 & 6 months

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Rotarix® (oral) 
from 6 weeks & 4 months only

Prevenar 13® 
from 6 weeks & 4 months only

Infanrix hexa® 
from 6 weeks, 4 & 6 months


6 months

Infanrix hexa® 



12 months


M-M-R II® or Priorix® 
(anterolateral thigh)

Prevenar 13® 
(deltoid)

Nimenrix® 
(deltoid)

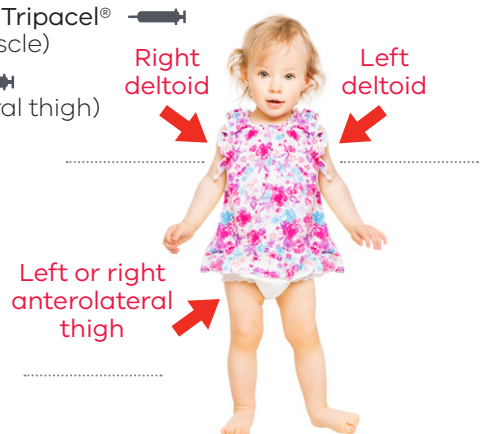


18 months

Priorix®-Tetra or ProQuad® 
(deltoid muscle)

Infanrix® or Tripacel® 
(deltoid muscle)

ActHIB 
(anterolateral thigh)



4 years

Infanrix IPV® or Quadracel® 



Refer to the current online edition of *The Australian immunisation handbook* for further details.