**INFORMATION FOR PURCHASE OF NON FUNDED MENACTRA**

Information from IMAC

**What do we recommend if the person only wants to purchase one meningococcal vaccine?**

Health professionals are not advised to recommend a quadrivalent A, C, Y and W vaccine over a group B vaccine or vice versa (a group B vaccine over a quadrivalent A, C, Y and W vaccine) UNLESS the person is being vaccinated because they are a close case of a meningococcal disease case and have been advised which vaccine to receive.

Health professionals are advised to refer to the New Zealand specific meningococcal disease information in the [Meningococcal disease](http://www.immune.org.nz/sites/default/files/resources/Written%20Resources/DiseaseMeningococcalImac20180912V01Final_0.pdf) or [Purchase of non-funded meningococcal vaccines](http://www.immune.org.nz/sites/default/files/resources/Written%20Resources/NonprogrammeVaccineMeningococcalImac20181109V01Final_0.pdf) fact sheets when discussing the available meningococcal vaccines and encourage the person to make their own choice of which vaccine to purchase. It is not possible for health professionals to accurately predict who will get meningococcal disease. Nor is it possible to predict which meningococcal group is going to cause disease in any one person even though approximately two-thirds of meningococcal disease in New Zealand is caused by group B, approximately 10% caused by group C, 10% by group Y and 10% by group W.