

Newsletter article template to promote vaccine management website and resources

Healthy vaccines = healthy patients

To ensure vaccines are viable when administered to your patients, they need to be kept stored between +2°C and +8°C.

The KISS guide to vaccine management provides general practice with information and resources on vaccine storage and handling. These resources are based on the *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for Five*.

The KISS Guide to vaccine management now has its own website at <http://vaccinemanagement.gpqld.com.au> Visit the website for updated resources.

This new website is a one-stop shop for practices looking for information about vaccine storage, provides resources that will assist in implementing systems to achieve and maintain best practice in vaccine management.

The KISS guide is a joint initiative between Queensland Health and General Practice Queensland and it was first launched in 2007.

What's on offer?

'the tools'

- **KISS guide flipchart** designed as a quick reference based on the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for Five
- **Orientation checklist** for new staff members.
- **Vaccine management audit** that you can conduct every 12 months to ensure your policy and procedures are current
- **Choosing a purpose-built vaccine refrigerator**, which lists key questions and answers from purpose-built vaccine refrigerator manufacturers.
- **Cold chain risk management planning**, which provides a guide to developing, plans for preventing and minimising the impact and/or managing cold chain problems.
- 'A Vaccine Management Nightmare' is a **cold chain breach case study** on DVD

'the education kit'

- **Two self-guided education modules**, which cover introduction to vaccine management and cold chain risk management.

Where do we get it?

- Visit <http://vaccinemanagement.gpqld.com.au>
- Contact your local Division of General Practice (insert details)
- Contact your local Public Health Unit (insert details)

Keep it Simple and Safe!