

## POLAR Walkthrough Winter Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

Below is a snapshot of the Provider Bulletin regarding the winter dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine for selected population groups. The POLAR searches below will need to be completed separately for the separate patient groups.

### Provider Bulletin

25 March 2022

*Bulletins provide you with regular updates and guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.*

#### Key Messages

#### WINTER PREPAREDNESS

#### ATAGI Advice on Winter Dose of COVID-19 vaccine

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) [recommends](#) an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine for winter for **selected population groups** (see attached summary and poster) who are at greatest risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and who have received their primary vaccination and first booster dose. These groups include:

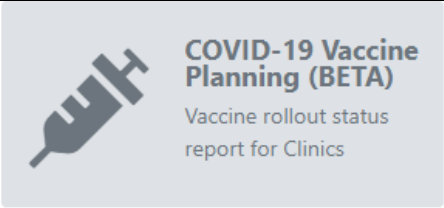
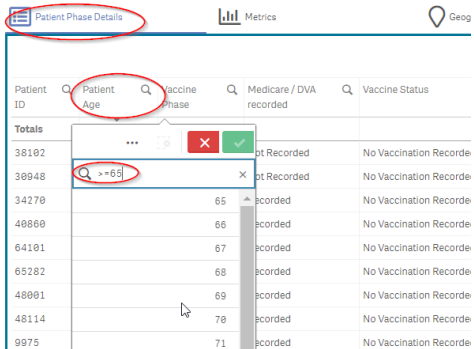
- Adults aged 65 years and older
- Residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- People aged 16 years and older with severe immunocompromise (as defined in the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 [ATAGI statement](#) on the use of a 3rd primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine in individuals who are severely immunocompromised)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older

ATAGI recommends the rollout of the **winter dose** for the above groups commence from April 2022 and coinciding with the rollout of the 2022 influenza vaccination program.

The Australian Government has **accepted** this advice and will include the winter dose for recommended people in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program from **4 April 2022**.

The additional winter COVID-19 vaccine dose can be:

- given **from 4 months or longer** after receipt of a previous booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine OR
- given **from 4 months after a confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection** if this has occurred since the previous booster

Search 1 Patients over 65 years needing COVID-19 Booster 4	
Open POLAR select Reports then select COVID-19 Vaccine Planning (BETA)	
Select Patient Status Active you may also want to select RACGP active as well.	<p><b>Patient Count</b>  <b>40,389</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RACGP Active         <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinic Active       </p>
The Report now defaults to opening in the Patient Phase Details tab Select the patient age search function put in the following formula $\geq 65$ and press enter key	

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Select Vaccine Date  
Latest search then put  
the following formula in  
<= 08/12/2021 or (the  
date four months ago  
date) then press enter.

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30948	117	Phase 1b	Not Recorded	No Vaccination Recorded				
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48001	104	Phase 1b	Recorded	No Vaccination Recorded			01/04/2021	
48114	104	Phase 1b	Recorded	No Vaccination Recorded			03/04/2021	
9975	104	Phase 1b	Recorded	No Vaccination Recorded			06/04/2021	
20550	103	Phase 1b	Not Recorded	No Vaccination Recorded			07/04/2021	

To print go to the  
patient list up the top  
right hand side and  
export to excel.  
Select Back to Home to  
go back to the report.

Patient List

Export to Excel

Back to Home

## Search 2 Patients immunocompromised needing COVID -19 Booster 4

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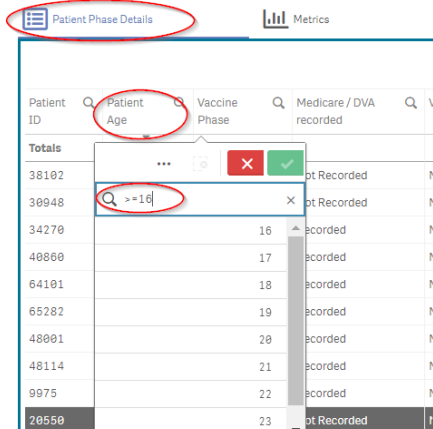
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RACGP Active

Clinic Active

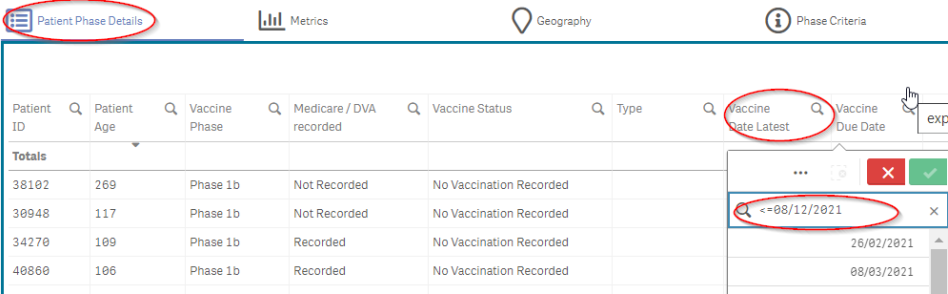
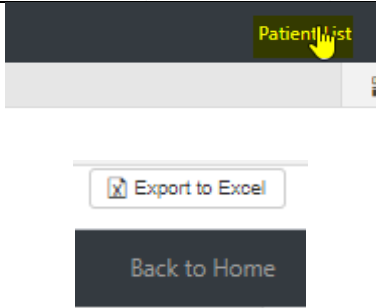
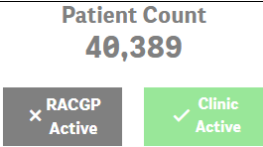
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<p>Select Patient Age search and put in the following formula <math>\geq 16</math> then select enter</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Patient Phase Details' report interface. A search filter for 'Patient Age' is applied with the value '&gt;=16'. The table below shows the resulting data:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Totals</th> <th>Patient ID</th> <th>Patient Age</th> <th>Vaccine Phase</th> <th>Medicare / DVA recorded</th> <th>V</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>38102</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30948</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>34270</td> <td></td> <td>16</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40860</td> <td></td> <td>17</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>64101</td> <td></td> <td>18</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65282</td> <td></td> <td>19</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>48001</td> <td></td> <td>20</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>48114</td> <td></td> <td>21</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9975</td> <td></td> <td>22</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20550</td> <td></td> <td>23</td> <td></td> <td>pt Recorded</td> <td>N</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Totals	Patient ID	Patient Age	Vaccine Phase	Medicare / DVA recorded	V	38102				pt Recorded	N	30948				pt Recorded	N	34270		16		pt Recorded	N	40860		17		pt Recorded	N	64101		18		pt Recorded	N	65282		19		pt Recorded	N	48001		20		pt Recorded	N	48114		21		pt Recorded	N	9975		22		pt Recorded	N	20550		23		pt Recorded	N
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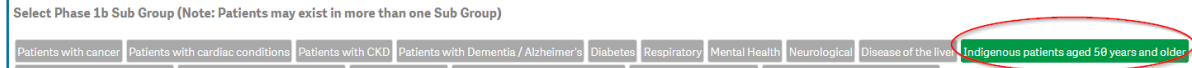
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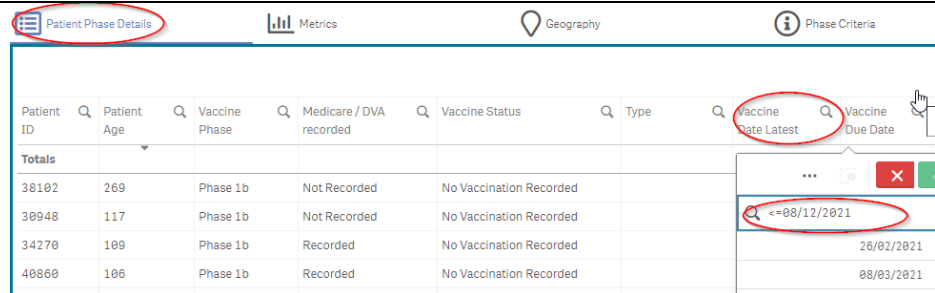
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