

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:

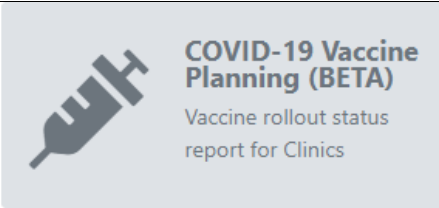
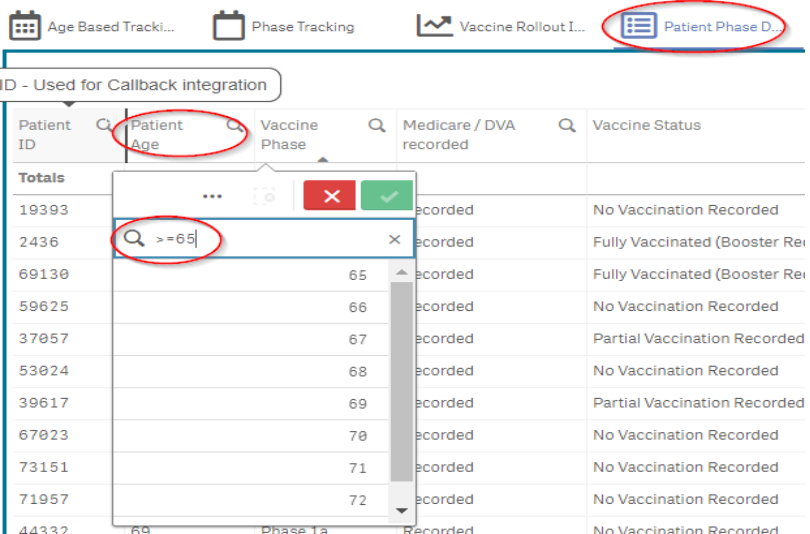
- Adults aged 65 years and older
- Residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- People aged 16 years and older with severe immunocompromise (as defined in the 11th February 2022 [ATAGI statement](#) on the use of a 3rd primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine in individuals who are severely immunocompromised)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

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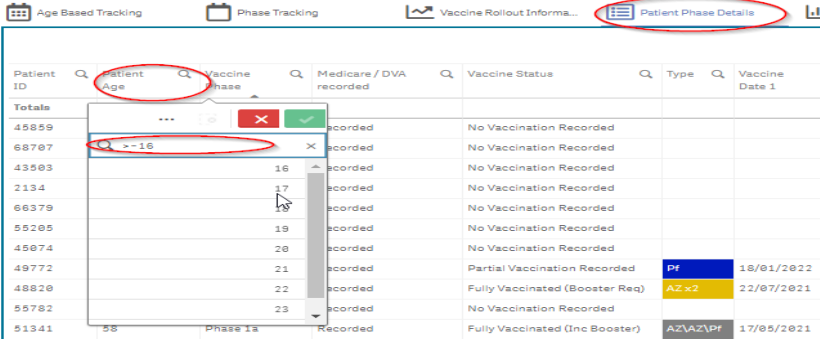
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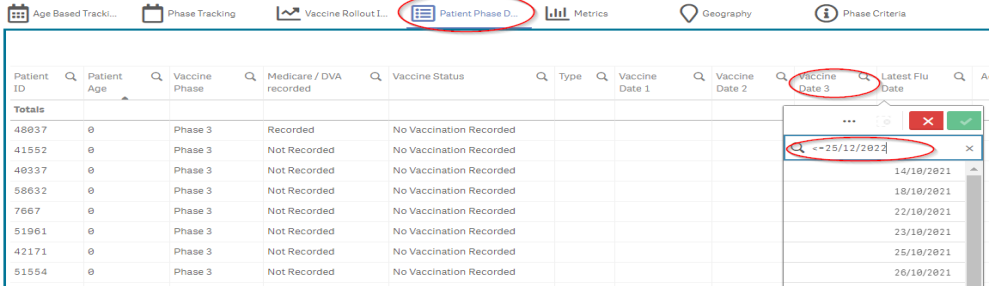
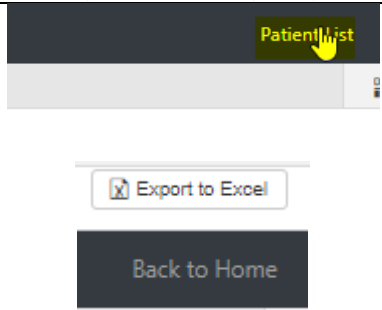
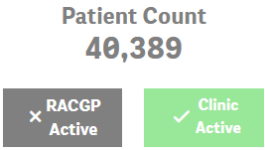
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Under the patient phase tab down the bottom you will see Indigenous patients aged 55 years and over select this and confirm the selection.
(The software vendor is in the process of updating this to 50 years and over)

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing patient phases. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Patient Phase Details' (selected), 'Metrics', 'Geography', and 'Phase Criteria'. Below these is a table with the following columns: Type, Vaccine Date 1, Vaccine Date 2, Vaccine Date 3, Latest Flu Date, Active Diagnoses, Patient Count, and Vaccines given here. The table contains several rows of data, including entries for 'ster Req' and 'Booster' with various vaccine types like 'Pf x2', 'AZ x2', and 'AZ\AZ\Mod'. At the bottom of the interface, there is a filter bar with several categories: 'ementia / Alzheimer's', 'Diabetes', 'Respiratory', 'Mental Health', 'Neurological', 'Disease of the liver', 'Indigenous patients aged 55 years and older', 'People 76 years of age or older', and 'Patients with a BMI >= 48kg/m2'. The 'Indigenous patients aged 55 years and older' filter is circled in red. To the right of the filter bar, there are two icons: a red 'X' and a green checkmark, with the checkmark icon also circled in red.

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