

Join us at our **2024 Victorian Immunisation Seminar**

The 2024 Victorian Immunisation Seminar aims to equip healthcare professionals with updated strategies and best practices in immunisation. Through focused sessions on Managing RSV in Primary Healthcare Settings, Adolescent Immunisations, and Immunisation Catchups, this one-day event seeks to enhance participant knowledge, skills, and confidence in delivering effective immunisation services, ultimately improving public health outcomes across Victoria.

Victorian Immunisation Seminar Details

- **Date:** Wednesday 23 October | 9am - 3pm
- **Location:** Karstens Melbourne | Level 9, 123 Queen St, Melbourne (Naarm) VIC 3000
- **Cost:** \$95

Spots are limited and are filling up quick, [register today!](#)

Speakers

Each session from our 1-day seminar will deliver a blend of hands-on skills-based workshops, and updates from experts in the field like:

- Sonja Elia - NP MAdvNursPrac, BN, RN
- Philippa Holland - RN
- Ali Maggs - BN, DipNursing, Cert IV (TAE 40116), Nurse Immuniser
- Karen Johnson - RN

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Welcome to our **2024 Victorian Immunisation Seminar**



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Throughout this one-day Seminar you will upskill in various areas of Immunisation, providing you with 6 CPD hours. Please view the agenda and further details within the rest of the program, we hope you enjoy your time at our 2024 Victorian Immunisation Seminar.

Our goal at Benchmark Group is to support Primary Healthcare professionals to develop and build careers for the future. Our courses and events help clinicians to become qualified and confident to operate at the top end of their scope of practice and students have access to our group of highly skilled and specialised trainers still working in industry. We also know that our model of learning is practical and brings community-based clinicians together to learn, connect and grow.

We are a well respected and well established organisation with 16 years of industry experience, knowledge and relationships. We are proud to partner with Commonwealth and Jurisdictional Health agencies, private sector institutions, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and peak bodies, Primary Healthcare Networks and directly with Healthcare Providers.

Thank you for joining us, and we look forward to a productive and enriching seminar.

Drew, CEO Benchmark Group.

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Victorian Immunisation Seminar 2024 **Agenda**

Time	Event	Speaker	Room
9 - 9:30am	Registration	NA	Room 1
9:30 - 10am	Acknowledgement of Country and Introductions		Room 1
10 - 11am	Managing RSV in Primary Healthcare Settings <i>Identify RSV disease, complications and strategies that offer protection against RSV disease.</i>	Sonja Elia	Room 2
	Adolescent Immunisations <i>A practical session exploring funded and non-funded vaccines including priority adolescent populations</i>	Philippa Holland	Room 3
11 - 11:15am	Morning Tea	NA	
11:15am - 12:15pm	Managing RSV in Primary Healthcare Settings <i>Identify RSV disease, complications and strategies that offer protection against RSV disease.</i>	Sonja Elia	Room 2
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12:15 - 1pm	Lunch	NA	
1 - 3pm	Catchups #1 <i>A practical session exploring the principles of undertaking a catchup</i>	Ali Maggs	Room 2
	Catchups #2 <i>A practical session exploring the principles of undertaking a catchup</i>	Karen Johnson	Room 3
3 - 3:30pm	Conference Close		



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Meet your **Speakers**



Philippa Holland | RN

Ms Philippa Holland is the Immunisation Coordinator for the City of Melbourne Council since 2015. She oversees all aspects of immunisation including school, childhood, flu and catch-up immunisation programs. Philippa has taken a keen interest in catch-up immunisations for migrant and refugee children and the inequalities and barriers of the current system. She has built a partnership with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute to co-design the "Migration Immunisation Access (MIA) Project: determining the extent and impact of migrant children's vaccination 'catch-up' schedules". This project won the GSK Immunisation Award in 2020. To date findings of this project have been published in 'Vaccine' and 'Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health'. She is also a tutor at the Australian College of Nursing where she helps mentor nurses and pharmacists to become authorised nurse immunisers across all states. Prior to 2015 she has worked as an Immunisation Educator with the Australian College of Nursing. She has experience in clinical research and helped lead vaccine clinical trials for Nucleus Medical. Philippa has also worked as the lead for travel immunisation as a practice nurse at Goldman Sachs in London.



Sonja Elia | NP MAdvNursPrac, BN, RN

After choosing to specialise in Immunisation in 2003, Ms Sonja Elia became an integral part of the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Immunisation service and in 2017, became Victoria's first Nurse Practitioner (NP) in the field of Immunisation. She has a particular interest in vaccine hesitancy, special risk groups, needle phobia, BCG vaccination and immunisation education. Sonja has received multiple awards including the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Nursing Development scholarship and the RCH Chairman's medal. She is a current member of the Immunisation Coalition, a policy advisor with the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners, teaching associate with Monash University NP program and holds honorary positions with the University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.



Ali Maggs | BN, DipNursing, Cert IV (TAE 40116), Nurse Immuniser

Ali Maggs has been a Practice Nurse for 17 years, with immunisation as a key core work skill. She became a Nurse Immuniser in 2012 and has continued to work in private practice and for Gold Coast's, School Based Immunisation Program (Queensland Health), with a 2 year secondment to Public Health, CDC department where she learned how to assess cold chain breaches and vaccine management protocols. Ali joined Benchmark Group in 2021 as an Immunisation Trainer / Assessor and is currently working as their Learning & Development Manager.



Karen Johnson | RN

Karen is a Melbourne based Registered Nurse with extensive general practice experience including immunisation and wound care. As an approved immuniser provider Karen has a depth of knowledge in the National Immunisation program, travel vaccinations and developing comprehensive catchup plans. Karen is a lead trainer for our 5 Day Immunisation Program supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners to become approved providers in Victoria.

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