This E-Newsletter aims to provide more timely and relevant information on a monthly basis. We look forward to your feedback at ncirs.schn@health.nsw.gov.au

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

We have recently updated two NCIRS fact sheets:


CAN YOU HELP US FIND PEOPLE WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY OF A NEW VACCINE AGAINST CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE?

*Clostridium difficile* is a bacterium that can cause severe diarrhoea after you take antibiotics and may lead to permanent bowel damage and death. It most often affects hospitalised or recently hospitalised people and is difficult to treat. So a vaccine that prevents *Clostridium difficile* diarrhoea would be very useful.

This study is for two groups of people aged 50 years or more.
- Group 1: People who are waiting for surgery.
- Group 2: People who have been admitted to hospital at least twice in the last 12 months.

People from any suburb of the greater Sydney metropolitan area can participate in this study by telephoning our friendly nurses:

- Helen Knight RN 9845 1430
- Pamela Cheung RN 9845 1408
- Elizabeth Clarke RN 9845 1437
- Mobile 0418 209 323

Or emailing us at ImmunisationResearch.SCHN@health.nsw.gov.au

QUICK LINKS

Holidays are just around the corner. Are you travelling overseas in the next 12 months? The latest vaccination recommendations can be found here [www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/handbook10-3-2](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/handbook10-3-2)

National Indigenous Immunisation Research Workshop

This workshop was held in Perth 7–8 November 2013. See this storify which includes all tweets from the workshop: [www.storify.com/JulieLeask/national-indigenous-immunisation-research-workshop-17?utm_medium=sfy.co-twitter&utm_campaign=utmsource=t.co&awesm=sfy.co_tIZU&utm_content=storify-thingingback](http://www.storify.com/JulieLeask/national-indigenous-immunisation-research-workshop-17?utm_medium=sfy.co-twitter&utm_campaign=utmsource=t.co&awesm=sfy.co_tIZU&utm_content=storify-thingingback)

RECENTLY PUBLISHED


IN THE MEDIA

- Anti-vaccination group ordered to change its name
  - Sydney Morning Herald, 25 November 2013
- Telethon Institute for Child Health Research director Jonathan Carapetis backs call for “no jab, no play” laws
  - The Sunday Times, 9 November 2013

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

We are close to 200 followers! Our official Twitter account provides useful resources, links and updates to all things related to immunisation. Our Twitter handle is @NCIRS

CLOSURE OF NCIRS OFFICE OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

NCIRS will be closed from Monday 23rd of December and will re open on Tuesday 2nd January 2014. NCIRS staff wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.