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Tēnā koe

Proposal to allow pharmacists to provide paracetamol to children under 2 years of age receiving the Bexsero vaccine

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the supplementary issue that arose from joint proposal from Pharmac and Te Whatu Ora to enable many childhood vaccinations to be given in pharmacies.

Our submission

The College supports this proposal. We agree that paracetamol is recommended for children under 2 years of age when they receive the Bexsero vaccine and is readily available at pharmacies at a cost to the family. Pharmacists are already trained and experienced in providing paracetamol for young children and the proposal only acts to remove the cost and better align the pharmacy immunisation experience with what the whanau would receive in general practice.

Nāku noa, nā

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