

ROMANIA

The Romanian Immunisation Program is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Health, for the setting up of the immunisation schedule and the regulatory, as well as organisational aspects of the implementation of the vaccination activities.

The Centre for Prevention and Control of Communicable Disease is responsible for the epidemiological surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases, the evaluation of vaccine coverage and the evaluation of the relevancy of the introduction of new vaccines into the schedule.

The National Medicines Agency is responsible for the marketing authorisation procedure at national level and the post-marketing pharmacovigilance activities.

Each one of the 42 County Authorities of Public Health is in charge of the promotion of vaccination and each one of the 4 Regional Institutes of Public Health may carry out studies in the general population or among health professionals regarding attitudes and practices towards vaccination.

The schedule is set at national level and applies to the whole country. There is no local decision power enable to modify it. Even in the case of an outbreak justifying a local vaccination campaign, the decision is taken at the ministry level, in liaison with local health authorities

The current Romanian immunisation program is delivered by a combination of general practice administered vaccines and school health administered vaccines. BCG is administered at birth in Neonates Departments. General practitioners administer the primary childhood immunisations from the first to third year of life. The choice of the products, for those vaccinated in the private sector, is left to the prescribing physician; there are recommendations for the general population and for certain groups (occupational vaccinations, vaccination recommended for specific target groups or individuals).

County Public Health Authorities are responsible for the local implementation of the program. Representatives of Ministry of Health, Centre for Prevention and Control of Communicable Disease and Regional Public Health Institutes are in charge of updating the National Plan and the national recommended immunisation schedule including all vaccination recommended at national level.

According to the Romanian regulation, childhood vaccinations included in the national schedules are guaranteed free of charge for all Romanians.

IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE FOR INFANTS AND CHILDHOOD IN ROMANIA

	BCG	DTwP	DT	OPV	MMR	Hep B	dT
Birth						X	
4-7 days	X						
2 months		X		X		X	
4 months		X		X			
6 months		X		X		X	
12 months		X		X			
12-15 months					X		
30-35		X					

months							
6-7 years			X		X		
9 years				X			
14 years			X		Rubella/ girls		
18 years (medicine students)						X	

Among immunisation programs for the adults, influenza is the only relevant at national level, with the vaccination of the population > 65 years and for younger high risk individuals, with high risk conditions.

Combined vaccines, including mandatory and not mandatory vaccines, are widely used in the private Vaccination Centres.

Reference web-sites in Romania on this topic:

Ministry of Public Health (<http://www.ms.ro>);

World Health Organisation (<http://www.who.int/eu>)

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