

Summary report on immunisation program Slovak Republic

Vaccination program is organised by the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (PHA SR) and is delivered by general practice administered vaccines. Neonatal BCG is administered by neonatal clinics doctors. General practitioners administer the rest of the mandatory immunizations. These vaccines are provided free of charge to persons, who are subjects to mandatory vaccination. These vaccines are reimbursed by public health insurance. There are 10 mandatory vaccinations.

Immunisation program is addressed also to other population targets. Influenza vaccination is administered to inmates of geriatric centres and social care facilities and is also free of charge for patients with chronic diseases, all children 3 -12 years old and to all people older than 59 years. Hep B vaccination is administered to health care workers, medical students and other risk groups (haemodialysis patients, household contact of Hep B infected patients).

Current immunisation schedule of mandatory vaccination: The Slovak schedule is available at the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic website <http://www.uvzsr.sk>.

The schedule is also available at <http://www.ssi.dk/euvac/> on the Euvac site as below:

The Slovak Childhood Vaccination Schedule, 2006

	DTwP	IPV	Hib	HepB¹	MMR	BCG	Td
3 days						Yes	
2 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
4 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
10 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
14 months					Yes		
2 years	Yes						
5 years	Yes	Yes					
10 years				Yes ²	Yes	Yes ³	
12 years		Yes					Yes

¹ In the case of infants born to HBsAg positive mothers a three-dose primary course of hepB vaccination is given at birth (up to 24 hours after birth), at 3-5 weeks and at 5-9 months.

² Recommended only if not previously vaccinated and given as a three-dose primary course at 0, 1, 6 months.

³ Recommended only for those known to be tuberculin negative.

The same vaccine schedule is used in all parts of the Slovak Republic.

Mandatory vaccination is reimbursed from the public health insurance system. Vaccines are also available and sold in pharmacies.

There are no vaccines locally produced. Mandatory vaccination is free of charge.

Vaccination coverage is homogenous at regional level (more than 95 % coverage in all 8 regions) and also at district level (in year 2005 only 9 from 79 districts (11,4 %) did not reach 95 % level of coverage).

The immunization coverage is monitored by the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic and report is published on the PHA SR website: <http://www.uvzsr.sk>. This report covers administrative check of immunization coverage, contraindications, adverse events, cold chain and documentation.