

# Bringing Bexsero (Meningococcal B) Vaccine to the Clinic:



## Before your appointment

- ✓ **Book a vaccination appointment (1300 244 288)**
- ✓ **Inform the Public Health Unit (PHU) (9382 8333, press option 2)** you'll be bringing the vaccine with you
- ✓ **Follow** their instructions (below) so the **vaccine stays safe and works well**
- ✓ **Get a script** from your **doctor**
- ✓ **Order the vaccine from your pharmacy** for pick up on appointment day



## Day of appointment

- ✓ Bring an **insulated cooler bag** with a **small ice brick** wrapped in bubble wrap or a small cloth to the pharmacy.
  - **Ice brick should be cold** but not frozen solid (otherwise it can damage the vaccine)
- ✓ Put the vaccine (in its **original box**) on top of the covered ice brick in the cooler bag. This will protect it from light and keep it at the right temperature.



- ✓ **Go directly** from the pharmacy to the clinic
  - It's best if the vaccine is given **within 1-2 hours** after buying it.
- ✓ **Tell the receptionist or nurse** you have a vaccine with you.
  - They will make sure it is **stored** the right way before your child gets the vaccine.



## Important tips

- ✓ **Never leave the vaccine** in a hot car, handbag, or in the sun.
- ✓ If the vaccine is **damaged** or **not stored properly**, it might not work and **you may need a new one**.
- ✓ We cannot give the vaccine if it has been stored in your fridge at home.