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Immunisation Card Review and Catch Up Planning

Practical 04 / Clinical or documentation case

Aim

Check vaccine eligibility and use the current national and local schedule to prepare a practice plan.

Principle

The record establishes valid previous doses. Age, dose interval, contraindications, regional indications and catch-up rules guide the next due dose.

Materials and Requirements

- Fictional vaccination card, age calendar and current Universal Immunisation Programme schedule
- Facility catch-up guide, post-vaccination advice and AEFI reporting form

Procedure

1. Confirm birth date and examine the dates and labels on the card. Ask about records from another facility.
2. Translate each prior dose into a dated row with vaccine, dose number and service source. Compare facility records where available and flag unverified dates.
3. Review current health, previous reactions, allergies and medical conditions relevant to vaccination. Verify any potential contraindication and document the decision.
4. Ask about current symptoms, severe past reactions, immune conditions and relevant therapies. Use the current clinical eligibility guide to decide what requires clinician review.

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Procedure Continued

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5. Compare each recorded dose with the age and minimum interval rules. Flag missing documentation and note any region-specific programme vaccine.
6. Compare the child's age and recorded intervals with the applicable national and regional programme rules. Mark each entry as valid, overdue, due now or in need of confirmation.
7. Use the current schedule and catch-up guide to list due vaccines and dates for the exercise. Verify each entry with the instructor.
8. Complete a proposed catch-up card with the authorised vaccines and next dates for the case. Recheck age limits, minimum interval and any route or documentation requirements.
9. Explain expected reactions, urgent help indications, the next visit and how the clinic records or reports an adverse event.
10. Ask the caregiver to repeat the next visit and who to contact for an unexpected reaction. Enter confirmed plan and escalation or reporting arrangements in the simulated record.

Precautions

- Use the faculty's current schedule for the local programme. Keep storage, identity and administration checks in the supervised checklist.
- Missing documentation should be investigated before assumptions are made.

Observations and Interpretation

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Observations and Record

Item	What to record	What it tells you
Previous doses	Vaccine name, dose number and actual dates	Establishes what has already been given
Eligibility	Age, interval and contraindication check	Supports a safe plan
Agreed plan	Due entries, next visit and advice	Supports completion

Worked Example

A card shows a pentavalent dose recorded at 6 weeks. The 10-week visit was missed. The student compares the current age and documented dose with the catch-up rules before writing the next entry.

Result and Interpretation

Continue from valid doses according to the current programme and supervisor review. Record the planned date and counselling.

Viva Questions and Answers

What is AEFI?

An adverse event following immunisation, reported even when causality is uncertain.

Which dates help validate a dose?

The birth date, prior dose dates and actual administration date.

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