# Monitoring Vaccine Safety

Immunisations save millions of lives each year. Most vaccines have minor expected side effects. However, serious adverse events from vaccination are rare.

With SmartVax, you can now play a role in monitoring the safety of vaccines in Australia.



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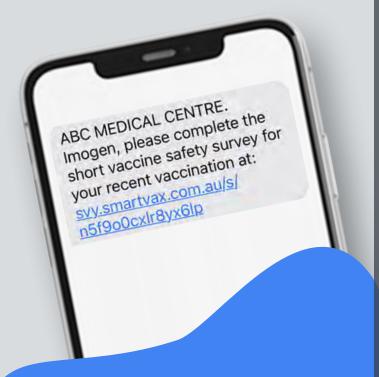
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Participation is voluntary. Your care will not be impacted if you choose not to participate.



Smart Vax

Actively monitoring the safety of vaccines



#### **How It Works**

SmartVax uses automated text message and email technology to actively collect safety data for vaccines given in general practices, pharmacies and vaccination clinics in Australia.

Around 3 to 5 days after your vaccination, you will receive a text message or email from where you received your vaccine with a link to a brief safety survey.

The survey will ask about your experience in the days after your vaccination to check if you had any adverse reactions, how long they lasted, and if you had to see a doctor as a result.

If you had to see a doctor because of your reaction, your GP will be notified and may contact you.

## **AusVaxSafety National Surveillance**

The data, with all personal information removed, are monitored in near real-time by AusVaxSafety to make sure vaccines are performing as safely as we expect them to in real-world conditions.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, AusVaxSafety is a world-leading national vaccine safety system that has significantly improved Australia's ability to monitor, detect and respond to potential vaccine safety events.



## A Vital Part in Vaccine Safety

SmartVax is the world's first active national adverse event surveillance system for vaccines.

The data derived from SmartVax assist with:

Rapid vaccine safety surveillance by AusVaxSafety in adults and children.

Monitoring and research into the safety of vaccines and changes to the immunisation schedule.

Refinement and improvement of existing vaccine programs.

