

A guide for health professionals to start the conversation about COVID-19 vaccinations



As a health professional...

- We can all talk to others about getting the COVID vaccine – we can and will make a difference.
- It's part of our responsibility to help share correct and factual information in the best interest of protecting our patients.
- We should use every opportunity to talk about having the vaccine with patients, clients, their family and community.

Remember - we often talk about vaccination to protect ourselves and others from many different illnesses like flu, measles or hepatitis B.



Don't wait for someone else to ask about vaccination.
Some conversation starters include:

- “Let’s help you get protected by having the COVID vaccine jab”, or Corona Needle.
- “Let’s talk about **where** you can get your COVID vaccine jab, or Corona Needle.”

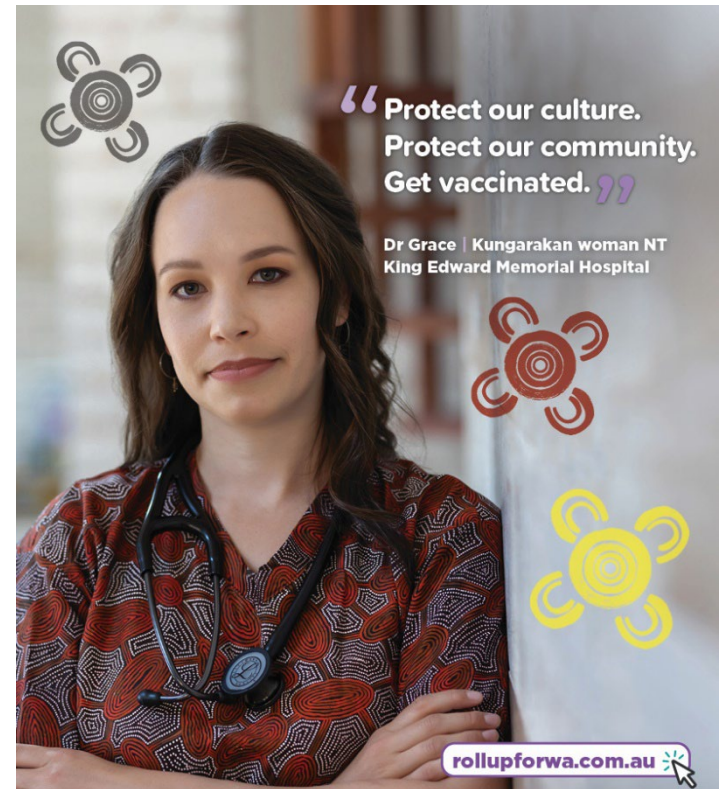
We want them to know that vaccination is a normal step in being protected.

YARN!

- **Y** – You can ask what they already know about the COVID vaccine. You can show them some of the fact sheets and talk about the information.
- **A** – Advise that the vaccine is safe, recommended for everyone aged over 12, and will stop people getting sick.
- **R** – Recommend where they can get good information if they need more advice.
- **N** – Next steps, help them work out where they can have the vaccine, or help them book in.

“Don’t hesitate too long – it takes five weeks with two vaccine doses to be protected.”

- Be confident.
- Make it clear vaccinations are safe and convenient.
- Urge patients to take action now.



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