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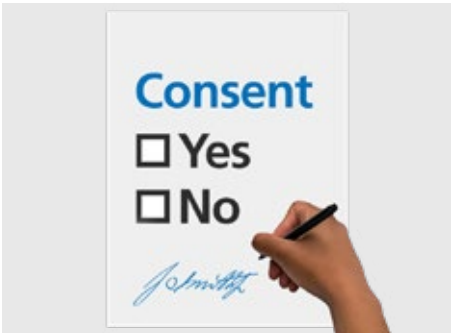
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About this information



This information is about **student consent** to get a **vaccine**.



Student consent is when students can say how they feel about getting a **vaccine**.



Vaccines are medicines that stop you and your family from getting sick.



You get vaccines in a needle.



We got this information from a study we did at **special schools** in NSW.



Special schools are schools where only students with disability go to.



Many students at special schools get their vaccines there.

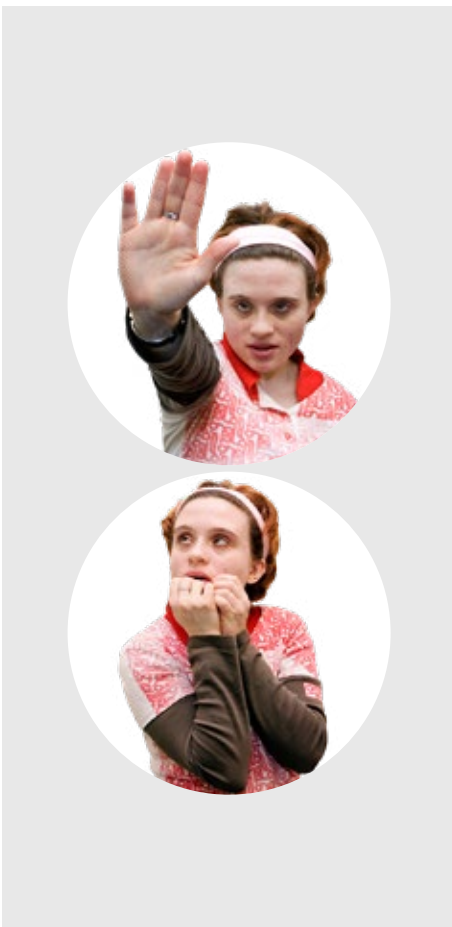


It is good if students are part of the decision about getting a vaccine.



It can help them feel

- Better about getting the vaccine
- Not as worried or scared.



When students do not get to have a say about the vaccine they might

- Do things to stop getting the vaccine
- Feel worried about getting vaccines again.



Students should have a say in decisions about their body.

How students show consent



Students can show consent in different ways.



Lots of students might not be able to speak or use words to show consent.



We need to look at how they use their bodies to show how they feel.



They might do things like

- Hold their arm still to show they are ok to get the vaccine
- Pull their arm away to show they are not ok to get the vaccine.

Things that help students feel ok



There are things that can help students feel ok when they get a vaccine.



These are things like

- Let them know they will not be forced to get a vaccine
- Say in an easy way why they need a vaccine
- Listen to how they feel
- Count down before they get the needle.



If a student is very worried about the vaccine they should get lots of support.

Things that do not help students feel ok



There are things that do not help students feel ok when they get a vaccine.



This might be things like

- Give them the vaccine without telling them before
- Touch students who do not want to be touched
- Say things to make them scared
- Not give them enough comfort or support.



We should not do any of these things to students.

More information



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