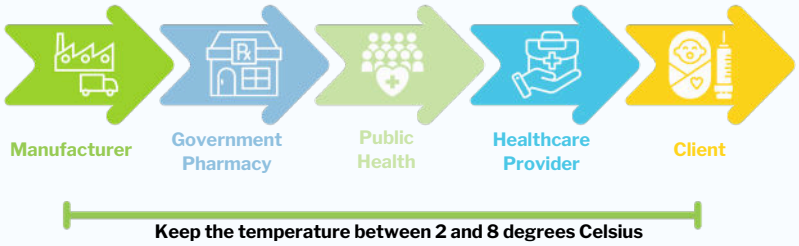
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Midwives as Immunization Providers

MIDWIVES KNOW HOW TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATION PRODUCTS TO THEIR CLIENTS. HERE ARE THE STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN ADMINISTERING THEM.

Don't forget the cold chain! Immunization products are **very sensitive**, and those that need refrigeration must be kept between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius!

- Ensure you have a **proper refrigerator** for your vaccines and immunization products, and get **insulated containers** and pack them appropriately if transporting.
- Get a **temperature monitoring device** and record temperature readings twice daily in a **logbook**.



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Provide **pre-immunization counselling**, which includes assessing the client's health and answering any questions they may have.

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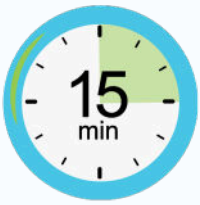
Administer vaccine or immunization product

- Use a **step-by-step** approach.
- **Learn techniques** to minimize pain and improve the experience for your clients.

Remember the C-A-R-D acronym:
Comfort, **A**sk, **R**elax, **D**istract

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Document the immunization provided in a personal record given to the client and in the client's chart. Some jurisdictions also have public registries, so you may need to add information to this if this is the case.



Observe the client after administration for at least **15 minutes** to ensure the person doesn't have an anaphylactic reaction.

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- Have your **emergency kit** on hand, in case of anaphylaxis.
- **Report** any unexpected or serious adverse events following immunization (AEFI) to provincial/territorial public health agencies.

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NEW TO IMMUNIZATION? CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT

They can offer training and guidance when you are preparing to offer immunization, as well as yearly inspections.

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