

Certificate of Completion

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has participated in the following education session:
Vaccine Preventable Disease: Pertussis

Presenter The Nursing CPD Institute

In this session you will:

- Gain information regarding the epidemiology of Pertussis in Australia
- Learn the clinical features of this disease
- Gain knowledge regarding the currently available vaccine in Australia
- Attain information regarding vaccine precautions, considerations including special groups of individuals and the protocol for the vaccine administration

Completed on

05 May 2019 (duration of 1 hour/s)

This equates to 1 CPD Hour/s (Continuing Professional Development)

REFLECTION:

Pertussis (whooping cough) is caused by *Bordetella pertussis*, a fastidious, Gram-negative, pleomorphic bacillus. There are other organisms (such as *Bordetella parapertussis*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* and *Chlamydia pneumoniae*) that can cause a pertussis-like syndrome.

Death due to pertussis is rare in people aged 10-70 years. However, the case-fatality rate in unvaccinated infants <6 months of age is estimated to be 0.8%. The most common cause of death in persons with pertussis infection is pertussis pneumonia, sometimes complicated by seizures and hypoxic encephalopathy.



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