



**Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit**  
**STUDY PROTOCOL**  
**Paediatric HIV infection (not perinatal exposure)**

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HIV infection among children in Australia is a rare occurrence. From 1985 to 2017, a total of 300 children aged less than 16 years were diagnosed with HIV infection in Australia. The children's source of exposure to HIV, apart from to mother-to-child transmission in 43% of cases, was attributed to treatment for haemophilia in 28%, receipt of blood in 7%, from a high HIV prevalence country in 5%, male homosexual contact in 3%, injecting drug use in 1%, heterosexual contact in 2% and remained undetermined in 10%. Surveillance of HIV in children in Australia remains important to due to the increased immigration of children from countries with a high prevalence of HIV.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To monitor the pattern of newly diagnosed HIV infection among children aged less than 16 years at HIV diagnosis, who have been exposed to a source other than perinatal exposure.

## **CASE DEFINITION AND REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS**

Please report any neonate or child who meets the case definition seen in the past month, even if they have already been reported to the National HIV Registry.

### **Paediatric HIV infection**

Any child aged less than 16 years at diagnosis of HIV infection in Australia, who has been exposed to a source of HIV infection other than perinatal exposure.

## **FOLLOW UP OF REPORTED CASES**

Clinicians reporting a case of Paediatric HIV are also asked to complete the following case report form (CRF):

- Child with HIV infection (not perinatal exposure)

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The project is overseen by a Clinical Advisory Group, with representation from each state and territory

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