

QUICK GUIDE

FOR USE WITH ADULTS



# Talking with patients who have questions

In a consultation with your patient, you've used presumptive language to say: "You're due for your vaccination, let's take care of that today". If your patient is hesitant, use the steps in this guick guide to address their guestions and concerns. See the conversation guide for full details.



#### **MORE INFO**

For more resources, see skai.org.au/healthcareprofessionals.

#### Elicit

Elicit your patient's questions and concerns about vaccination. Use active listening.



Do you have some questions?

### Acknowledge

Validate your patient by acknowledging their concerns. Be empathetic and thank your patient for being open.



Thank you for sharing. It sounds like you're worried that...

### Set the agenda

Summarise your patient's concerns by working them into a list or agenda.



We'll prioritise two of your most pressing questions. Will that be okay?

# Share knowledge

Share knowledge about vaccination. Tailor the information to your patient's concerns.



I have some information about your concerns. Can *I share it with you?* 

# Recommend vaccination

Make a recommendation to have the vaccine. Positively reinforce their decision to get vaccinated.



I recommend that you have the COVID-19 vaccine today. It will help protect you and your family.

#### Close

Keep the conversation going. Rebook another appointment if needed.



I understand you may need some time to consider all of this. Should we book another appointment?

