

### **Instructions to the Candidate:**

- **Review** the background provided and conduct a focused assessment of the father's request.
  - **Navigate** the legal and ethical considerations regarding immunising a child when parents have differing views.
  - **Discuss** the steps required to comply with Australian laws and advise the father on the appropriate process.
  - **You have 15 minutes** for this clinical encounter.
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### **Scenario:**

Michael Harris, a 35-year-old father, presents to your clinic requesting immunisation for his 4-year-old daughter, Emma. Emma has not received any vaccinations due to her mother's strong opposition based on safety concerns. Michael and Emma's mother recently finalised their divorce, and they share joint custody. He explains that he strongly believes in the importance of immunisation for Emma's health and wants her to be vaccinated but is unsure of the legal and ethical implications of proceeding without the mother's knowledge or consent.

Michael expresses frustration about the disagreement and worries about the potential health risks to Emma if she remains unimmunised. He is looking for advice on how to navigate this situation legally and ethically while prioritising his daughter's health.

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