

Immunization



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Vaccination schedules have changed over the years as new vaccines become available. Each province decides how to spend the health care budget. Other provinces are more generous than Ontario.

Paediatricians will recommend vaccinating as much as possible, as early as possible. Our motivation is to PREVENT disease. Once a disease is contracted, treatment may not be available or effective. The vaccines in the OHIP schedule are those that are paid for by our public health system. We urge you to consider all vaccines that we recommend. The vaccines that are not covered by OHIP are usually covered by extended health plans.

Vaccines covered by OHIP:

- diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib, pneumococcus, rotavirus, meningococcus C, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, HPV, influenza

Vaccines partially covered by OHIP:

- Hepatitis B (only for high risk babies and given in grade 7)
- meningococcus A,C,Y,W in grade 7 only

Vaccines not covered by OHIP

- hepatitis A
- meningococcus B
- meningococcus A,C,Y,W in young children
- other travel vaccines like typhoid, yellow fever , BCG etc

I recommend:

- 1- do the basic public health (OHIP) vaccines according to the schedule (do NOT delay vaccines).
- 2- give meningitis protection early Bexsero (meningococcus B) and Menactra (meningococcus C,A,Y,W)
- 3- give Hep B protection early if there is a risk (family members or contacts with Hep B or if a child is in daycare early-less than a year of age)
- 4- give Hep A protection- easiest is to do Twinrix (Hep A and B) after a year of age

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