

# Vaccines not covered by OHIP



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When a vaccine is not covered by OHIP-physicians must charge patients directly for our services. Our administration fee includes our costs for syringes, needles and all materials necessary to administer a vaccine as well as our time for the procedure, scheduling and maintaining vaccine records etc. Vaccines that will require payment as above include additional vaccines like Menactra, Bexsero, Twinrix, Engerix, Havrix, Typhim and any vaccines missed at school like Gardasil, hep B, or meningitis vaccines. Our administration fee is \$45 per vaccine. We recommend purchasing vaccines at the pharmacy in our office for convenience. They ensure they keep a good stock of vaccines we routinely use. They can bill your drug plan directly for vaccines.

## **Recommended schedule:**

This shows the additional vaccines that I would recommend. In this schedule we are able to get the extra vaccines in with only 1 extra visit beyond the routine visits. It is convenient and reasonable. There are variations where we can start vaccines earlier or later if needed.

<b>6 months</b>	bexsero
<b>9 months</b>	menactra and bexsero
<b>12 months</b>	menactra
<b>13-14 months</b>	twinrix
<b>15 months</b>	twinrix
<b>18 months</b>	bexsero
<b>24 months</b>	twinrix

*Bexsero- for meningococcus B. This is responsible for most if the meningitis we see., Meningococcal meningitis is a horrible disease infecting the brain and causing loss of limbs and often death. We unfortunately hear of cases on a regular basis.*

*Menactra- for meningococcus CAYW. This with Bexsero gives almost 100% protection against meningococcal meningitis. This is a disease that Paediatricians despise since we have all seen this terrible disease. It leaves an impression on you and we all promote giving these vaccines as early as possible to protect our precious patients.*

*Twinrix- Hepatitis A and B. Hep A is contracted through contaminated water and so, is seen in countries with poor water systems. It is essentially a travel vaccine. Hep A is not dangerous but it is good to be protected if you plan to travel. Hep B is contracted through body fluids ( blood, saliva, . sexual contact). It can be dangerous and life threatening. hep B vaccine is very effective and since with immigration, it is becoming more common, we would recommend doing this early. In other provinces and in most of the world the vaccine is given at birth.*