



TIP SHEET 30 • FALL 2011

New Immunization Schedule New Flu Vaccine

Keeping York Region Physicians Up-To-Date on Vaccine Changes

Changes to the Immunization Schedule and Supply



The New Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario have arrived!

By now, every physician in Ontario should have received an information package from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), detailing the new Immunization Schedules. The package includes routine, catch-up and high-risk information, as well as recommended and minimum ages and intervals between doses of publicly funded routine childhood vaccines.

Schedule Highlights:

- **MMR** continues to be given at 12 months of age with a second dose now given at four to six years as MMRV
- **MMRV** given at four to six years for children who have only had one dose each of MMR and varicella vaccines
- **Varicella** now given as two doses to children born on or after January 1, 2000. Usually given at 15 months, and four to six years. Doses should be given at least 3 months apart.
- **Rotarix™** now given orally at two and four months, to protect against rotavirus infection
- **Adacel®** or **Boostrix®** now given to adults 19 to 64 years of age once in a lifetime in replacement of Td, to protect them against pertussis, as well as tetanus and diphtheria
- **Pevnar® 13** catch-up schedules replace the November 2010 schedules, effective immediately

More information available at www.ontario.ca/vaccines



Did you know?

- **Become a flu fighter.** According to market research, 79% of lapsed vaccinees are most likely to consider getting the flu shot if it is recommended by their doctor. Please talk to your clients about the seriousness of this disease, and the benefits of vaccination.

- **Check before you order.** What's in your fridge? Our Vaccine Order forms now include a column for Current Fridge Inventory. Starting in 2012, this column must be completed in order to process your request for vaccines.

Notice of Correction

The package insert entitled, "*Minimum Recommended Intervals*" contains a printing error. The current **Minimum interval to next dose** column for the varicella vaccine reads **3 weeks**. This column **should** read **3 months**.

Please be sure to correct your copy.

The Universal Influenza Immunization Program for 2011-12

Strains Included:

- A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like strain
- A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like strain
- B/Brisbane/60/2008-like strain

Available Vaccines:

This year, the MOHLTC has announced that it will be supplying three publicly funded influenza vaccines: Agriflu®, Vaxigrip®, and Flud®

Agriflu®, manufactured by Novartis

- Indicated for people 6 months of age and up
- Supplied in multi-packs of 0.5 ml **pre-loaded syringes**

Vaxigrip®, manufactured by sanofi pasteur

- Indicated for people 6 months of age and up
- Supplied in multi-dose vials
- Vials must be discarded seven days after first entry

Flud®, manufactured by Novartis

- Adjuvanted vaccine developed specifically for people 65 years of age and older
- Only residents of Long-Term Care Facilities are currently eligible
- Supplied in multi-packs of 0.5 ml **pre-loaded syringes**

**Your first two shipments of Flu Vaccine will be sent to your depot automatically.
Once you receive them, please order any additional supply you require.**

Our Community Clinics are Changing!

Please discard your "Get On The Bus" posters, and have your patients go to www.york.ca/immunization for more information.

Questions?

Call York Region Community and Health Services at:

**1-877-794-1880
and press 9**

to speak with a vaccine nurse.

TTY: 1-866-252-9933