

Product Monographs Updated for Nimenrix[®] and Shingrix[®]

Update to York Region health care providers as of February 14, 2023

The Ministry of Health's Immunization Policy and Programs Section is notifying health care professionals that the product monographs of two commonly used vaccines, Nimenrix[®] and Shingrix[®], have been updated. Please see below for details on the monograph changes and links to the monographs of each vaccine.

Nimenrix is a vaccine given to infants from the age of 6 weeks, children, adolescents and adults up to 55 years old to prevent illness caused by meningococcal disease types A, C, Y and W-135. This vaccine (or a similar alternative) is commonly administered to grade 7 students as part of routine school immunizations.

Shingrix is a vaccine given to adults to protect against herpes zoster (shingles). Shingrix can be given to adults 50 years and older, or adults 18 years and older who are or will be at increased risk of shingles due to immunodeficiency or immunosuppression caused by known disease or therapy.

Product Monograph Changes

[Nimenrix Product Monograph](#)

Changes:

- 1) Under section 4, Dosage and Administration
 - a. Added a footnote *Long-term antibody persistence data following vaccination with Nimenrix are available up to 10 years*
 - b. *after vaccination* with referencing
- 2) Under section 7, Warnings and Precautions
 - a. Pediatrics and Geriatrics are included under Special Populations

[Shingrix Product Monograph](#)

Changes:

Section 4.2

For individuals who are or will be immunodeficient, or immunosuppressed and who would benefit from a shorter vaccination schedule, the second dose can be given 1 to 2 months after the initial dose

Shingrix can be given with the same vaccination schedule in individuals previously vaccinated with live attenuated HZ vaccine

Section 7

Concomitant use of vaccines

Fever and shivering were more frequent when PPV23 vaccine is co-administered with Shingrix.

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