



Fact Sheet

(Vaccines not part of provincial schedule)

1. **Rotavirus vaccine (Rotateq[®])**: Oral vaccine for use in infants starting at 6-12 weeks of age to prevent gastroenteritis and admission to hospital from 5 serotypes of rotavirus for two seasons.
2. **Hepatitis A vaccine**: A hepatitis A vaccine is recommended in many countries as part of their routine series after the age of 12 months. Certainly if your patients are traveling or in daycare, it is a consideration.
3. **Meningococcal A,C,Y,W-135 conjugate (Menactra[®])**: Menactra can be used in any child 2 years and older and should then also be considered as a substitute for the Men-C given at 11 years/Grade 6 for added protection against the 3 extra serotypes. The serotypes causing disease vary from year to year and are unpredictable. The addition of the added serotypes has the potential to prevent a number of cases of invasive meningococcal disease/year (likely an extra 25% of the preventable cases). It will also boost the Men-C given at 2 months and 1 year and offer greater protection for travel.
4. **Travellers' Diarrhea vaccine (Dukoral[®])**: Oral vaccine that protects against enterotoxigenic *E. coli* and Cholera. Finish two doses at least 1 week before travel so the first dose needs to be started two weeks before travel.
5. **Human Papillomavirus vaccine (Gardasil[®])**: Quadravalent vaccine offers excellent protection against genital warts and cervical cancer. The provincial program will not cover girls now in grade 9 and older, so the vaccine should be considered for this group of young women now. See the excellent position statement at the Canadian Paediatric Society website (<http://www.cps.ca>).