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For Health Care Professionals

Transition to Boostrix[®] & Pentacel[®] Vaccines

Transition from Adacel® to Boostrix®

Ontario's publicly funded Tdap vaccine is changing from Adacel® to **Boostrix®**. During the switchover period, you may receive either product based on stock availability and expiry dating. **Boostrix®** protects against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. The Tdap vaccine is routinely given in Ontario to children 14-16 years of age.

Transition from Pediacel® to Pentacel®

Sanofi Vaccines Canada is discontinuing Pediacel® and will be transitioning to the **Pentacel**® vaccine. The formulation of these vaccines is nearly identical and fully interchangeable. **Pentacel**® (DTaP-IPV-Hib) is a combination vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, inactivated polio, and haemophilus influenzae type b. The DTaP-IPV-Hib vaccine is routinely given in Ontario to children at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age.

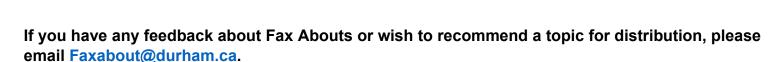
Doses of Pedicael® can still be used until the expiration date.

Pentacel® will be included in orders after April 1st, 2024.

Pentacel® **requires reconstitution**. Refer to product monograph.

The packaging of Pentacel[®] is 5 single dose vials of Quadracel vaccine and 5 single dose vials of Hib lyophilized vaccine.

Since DTaP-IPV/Quadracel is no longer used in Ontario's publicly funded immunization schedule and was previously replaced by Tdap-IPV, the Pentacel® products should <u>not</u> be used as separate products (i.e., DTaP-IPV and Hib separately).



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