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Rotarix® OUT... RotaTeq® IN!

Ontario is transitioning from the monovalent rotavirus vaccine, **Rotarix® (Rot-1)** to the pentavalent rotavirus vaccine **RotaTeq® (Rot-5)** for the infant rotavirus immunization program.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends routine infant rotavirus vaccination with either of the rotavirus vaccine products. NACI does not preferentially recommend one product over the other. Both products are **live attenuated vaccines** that are given orally. The two products differ in their authorized schedules: RotaTeq® is a **3 dose series** given at **2, 4 and 6** months of age, Rotarix® is a **2 dose series** given at **2 and 4** months of age.

Whenever possible, infants should start and complete their series with the **same product**. If the product used for the first dose is unknown, or if Rotarix® is not available for infants who started their series with this product, **RotaTeq® can be used** to complete the series for a total of three doses.

Please continue to place your rotavirus vaccines using the current **Monthly Vaccine Order form**, available online at durham.ca/hcp. We will continue to fill the orders with Rotarix® (Rot-1), and we will begin to fill the orders with RotaTeq® (Rot-5) once our inventory of Rotarix® has depleted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Durham Region Health Department Vaccine Storage and Handling Line **905-668-7711 ext. 3063**.

Thank you for your continued support to protect Durham Region residents from vaccine preventable diseases.

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711, 1-800-841-2729

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If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to healthresources@durham.ca

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