

## CLARIFICATION AFTER PUBLICATION

### The Postal Code Lottery of Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination in Canada

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Table 2 HPV vaccination programs 2014

Province / Territory	Ages	Gender
NL	Grade 6	Females
PEI	Grade 6	Females and Males
NS	Grade 7	Females
NB	Grade 7	Females
QC **	Grade 4	Females
ON	Grade 8	Females
MB	Grade 6	Females
SK	Grade 6	Females
AB	Grade 5	Females and Males
BC *	Grade 6	Females
YT	Grade 6	Females
NU	Grade 6	Females
NWT	Grade 4	Females

\* 2 doses.

\*\* 2 doses; includes immunocompromised women 18-26 years.

Regarding the note found under Table 2 that reads “\*\*2 doses; includes immunocompromised women 18-26 years,” a clarification is necessary. This statement is not intended to imply that immunocompromised women only receive 2 doses of HPV vaccine in Québec. Indeed, *Santé et services sociaux Québec* states on their website that “For both teenagers and adults, three doses of vaccine over a six-month period are recommended for proper protection<sup>1</sup>.”

This note is also not meant to imply that Québec only considers high-risk women nor that it is the only province that will consider the HPV vaccine for select high-risk populations. The intricacies of vaccinating high-risk individuals are beyond the scope of the current article. As considerable research and provincial policy change has taken place during the publication process for the current article, the reader is encouraged to consult the Public Health Agency of Canada’s website for up-to-date information regarding provincial schedules for routine and high-risk immunizations<sup>2,3</sup>.

References (accessed 13 April 2014)

<sup>1</sup><http://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/sujets/santepub/vaccination/index.php?aid=136>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/ptimprog-progimpt/table-1-eng.php>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/ptimprog-progimpt/table-2-eng.php>