

# Rotarix™ Eligibility and Schedules

This chart is intended for information purposes only. It is meant to assist health care providers with the eligibility criteria and timing of routine and alternative vaccine administration schedules for Rotarix™. For the complete childhood immunization schedule, please refer to the *Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario*.

**Table 1: ROUTINE** rotavirus (Rotarix™) immunization

Recommended routine schedule for rotavirus oral immunization	
Age of vaccination	Recommended dose number
2 months old	Dose 1
4 months old	Dose 2

**Table 2: RECOMMENDED** vaccines and doses required to complete the rotavirus (Rotarix™) immunization series

Recommended alternative schedule for rotavirus oral immunization at 6 to 24 weeks of age	
Vaccine and dose number	Timing
Rotavirus - 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	First visit*
Rotavirus - 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Second visit: 4 weeks after first visit and ≤24 weeks of age

\* Although the vaccine manufacturer has indicated that the first dose may be administered as early as 6 weeks and as late as 20 weeks of age, NACI recommends that the first dose be administered between 6 weeks, and before 15 weeks of age as the safety of providing the first dose of rotavirus vaccine in older infants is not known.

**Table 3: RECOMMENDED** and minimum ages and intervals for rotavirus (Rotarix™) oral immunization

Recommended and minimum ages and intervals for rotavirus oral immunization				
Vaccine and dose number	Recommended age for this dose	Minimum age for this dose	Recommended interval to next dose	Minimum interval to next dose
Rotavirus – 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 months	6 weeks	2 months	4 weeks
Rotavirus- 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	4 months	10 weeks	—	—

**NOTE:** According to the Rotarix™ product monograph, all doses should be administered by 24 weeks of age. The product monograph is available at: [http://www.gsk.ca/english/docs-pdf/Rotarix\\_2011.pdf](http://www.gsk.ca/english/docs-pdf/Rotarix_2011.pdf)