

Hepatitis A and B Vaccine Combined (Inactivated Viral)

TWINRIX®

Supplier: GlaxoSmithKline Inc.

TWINRIX® Junior

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(TWINRIX® contains HAVRIX® 720 ELU and ENGERIX®-B 20 mcg; TWINRIX® Junior contains HAVRIX® 360 ELU and ENGERIX®-B 10 mcg)

INDICATIONS:

- These vaccines are not currently publicly funded.

DOSES AND SCHEDULE: A, B, C

6 months-18 years of age (inclusive): 3 doses given as 0.5 mL of TWINRIX® Junior (360 ELU HAV and 10 mcg HBV) **IM** at 0, 1, and 6 months.

19 years of age and older: 3 doses given as 1.0 mL of TWINRIX® (720 ELU HAV and 20 mcg HBV) **IM** at 0, 1 and 6 months.

ADMINISTRATION:

No additional requirements.

BOOSTER DOSES:

No booster doses are recommended at this time.

SEROLOGICAL TESTING:

Serological testing is not recommended before or after immunization.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

1. History of anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of any hepatitis A or hepatitis B-containing vaccine, or to any component of TWINRIX® or TWINRIX® Junior.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS:

Potential allergens: neomycin sulphate, yeast protein.

Other components: aluminum hydroxide, aluminum phosphate, amino acids, formaldehyde, polysorbate 20.

PRECAUTIONS:

Not applicable.

^A If a client is to be given monovalent hepatitis A vaccine in place of a dose (or doses) of TWINRIX®, the following vaccines may be used: AVAXIM®, HAVRIX®, VAQTA®, administering the age-specific dosage for the particular product. If a client is to be given monovalent hepatitis B vaccine in place of a dose (or doses) of TWINRIX®, the following vaccines may be used: ENGERIX®-B or RECOMBIVAX HB® administering the age-specific dosage and number of doses for the particular product.

^B TWINRIX® Junior is approved for use in children 1-18 years of age (inclusive). However, NACI indicates that hepatitis A vaccine may be provided, beginning at 6 months of age, to infants who are at increased risk of infection or severe hepatitis A.

^C For information on a rapid dosing schedule for TWINRIX® and TWINRIX® Junior, refer to a travel clinic.

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

ADVERSE EVENTS:

Local: pain, redness, swelling.

Systemic: fever, headache, malaise, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, irritability, loss of appetite, drowsiness.