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Re: Recommended Influenza Vaccine Doses by Age: 2014-2015

Dear Health Care Providers:

For intramuscular influenza vaccine, the dose is 0.5 ml for all age groups. This information may differ from the product monograph. Nova Scotia has based its recommendations on the current National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) statement.

Recommended Influenza Vaccine Doses by Age: 2014-2015

Age Group	Dose	No. of Doses
9 years and older	0.5 ml	1
6 months-8years*	0.5 ml	1 or 2*

Children 6 months to less than 9 years of age receiving seasonal influenza vaccine for the first time should be given two doses, with a minimum interval of four weeks between doses. Children less than 9 years who have been previously immunized with one or more doses of seasonal influenza vaccine are to receive one dose of influenza vaccine each year thereafter. The seasonal influenza vaccine is not licensed or recommended for infants less than 6 months of age. The NACI statement can be found at this address: http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2014/aspc-phac/HP40-114-2014-eng.pdf

Please feel free to contact me directly at 481-5865 should you have any questions.

Regards,



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