



Did you know  
pharmacists in  
Nova Scotia have  
given more  
than 400,000  
+ flu shots  
since 2013?

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# Injection Services

Talk to your pharmacist,  
get informed, and  
get vaccinated!



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**Pharmacists who have obtained their injection certification and permit are able to inject many vaccines and other products to patients, aged five years of age and older.**

**Injection, assessment fees and vaccine costs may now be covered by your health plan.**

### **Vaccines and injections that can be provided in a pharmacy include:**

- Flu (influenza)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Chicken pox (varicella)
- Shingles (herpes zoster)
- Human papilloma virus (HPV)
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Typhoid fever
- Measles, mumps and rubella
- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis

### **What does this mean for you?**

Pharmacies are a convenient and an easily accessible place to receive your immunizations. They are often open evenings and weekends, which means you can access care outside of regular working hours. Staying up-to-date on your immunizations may prevent unnecessary illness and result in less time off work.

### **Who should receive vaccines?**

- People who travel.
- People aged 50+. The pain from shingles can be debilitating and can last up to one year. Serious complications can also occur.
- Adults and teen-aged children who did not receive the vaccines that cover all five strains of meningococcal disease. Prior to September 2015, Grade 7 students in Nova Scotia received vaccination against one strain. At time of publication of this brochure, they are receiving vaccination against four strains in Grade 7.
- Females aged 9-45 and males 9-26 (or older in some cases.) A new HPV vaccine that covers 9 strains of HPV is now available in Canada. This vaccine prevents genital warts, cervical cancer, anal and genital cancers. Those who have received the HPV vaccine through the school system only received immunizations for four strains.
- People aged 65+. Pneumococcal vaccination may be recommended for all people over the age of 65 and people with medical conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, smokers and other medical conditions that place the person at higher risk of infections and complications.
- People who are not up-to-date on their vaccines.

**If you have questions about immunizations or other injections ask your pharmacist today.**



### **Assessments and Prescribing**

Prior to giving you any injection or vaccine, the pharmacist will conduct an assessment to sure it is appropriate for you. Sometimes, vaccines or injections require a prescription. In many cases, pharmacists can write the prescription for you.