# Human Papillomavirus 9-Valent Vaccine

## Biological Page

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## Manufacturer
Merck Canada Inc.

## Biological Classification
Inactivated: Recombinant

### Indications for Provincially Funded Vaccine

**Grade 6 students – routine immunization program**
- For students in ungraded classes, vaccine can be provided on a case by case basis, generally at 11 to 12 years up to and including 18 years of age.
  - The guiding principle should be to offer protection to students prior to them leaving the school system.

**Notes:**
- Public health will screen all students in grades 6 through 9 to ensure they are up to date for HPV-9.
- Students eligible for vaccine in Grade 6 continue to be eligible to receive the vaccine until the end of grade 12 if they present to public health.

**Individuals 17 to 26 years of age biologically male at birth who have sex with individuals biologically male at birth.**

**Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) Recipients:**
- All HSCT recipients 9 years up to the end of grade 12. See Standard for Immunizing Transplant Candidates and Recipients (#08.304).

**Solid Organ Transplant (SOT) Candidates and Recipients:**
- All SOT candidates and recipients 9 years up to and including 26 years of age. See Standard for Immunizing Transplant Candidates and Recipients (#08.304).

### Schedule

**Immunocompetent and non HIV infected individuals ages 9 to 14 years of age inclusive (2-dose series):**
- Dose 1 – day 0
- Dose 2 – 6 months after dose 1

**Immunocompromised and/or HIV infected individuals age 9 to 14 years of age inclusive (3-dose series):**
- Dose 1 – day 0
- Dose 2 – 2 months after dose 1
- Dose 3 – 6 months after dose 1

**Individuals 15 years of age and older (3 dose series):**
- Dose 1 – day 0
- Dose 2 – 2 months after dose 1
- Dose 3 – 6 months after dose 1

**Notes:**
- The number of recommended doses in a series is based on the age at administration of the first dose. In immunocompetent individuals 15 years of age and older who
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### Contraindications/Precautions

**Contraindications:**
- Known severe hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine.
- Anaphylactic or other allergic reaction to previous dose of vaccine containing similar components.

**Precautions:**
- None identified

### Possible Reactions

**Common:**
- Pain, swelling, redness, itching, bruising, mass, hemorrhage, hematoma and redness at injection site.
- Headache, fever, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, diarrhea, myalgia, oropharyngeal pain, upper abdominal pain.

**Rare:**
- Anaphylaxis, allergic reactions
- Asthmatic crisis, tonsillitis
- Serious adverse events are rare and in most cases data are insufficient to determine a causal association. Clinical trials have found no increase in the number or type of serious adverse events in recipients of HPV vaccine compared with those who received placebo.
- There has been no published evidence to support an association between HPV vaccine and any of the following conditions: Guillain-Barre Syndrome, transverse...
### Gardasil®9

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<td><strong>Side Effects</strong></td>
<td>Myelitis, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, multiple sclerosis, brachial neuritis, chronic inflammatory disseminated polyneuropathy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, neuromyelitis optica, pancreatitis, transient arthralgia or thromboembolic events.</td>
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<td>• As with any immunization, unexpected or unusual side effects can occur. Refer to the product monograph for more detailed information.</td>
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<td><strong>Pregnancy</strong></td>
<td>• Gardasil® should not be given to pregnant women or women who become pregnant before the completion of the series. If pregnant, immunization with the remaining doses of vaccine should be deferred until after delivery.</td>
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<td>• If a vaccine dose has been administered during pregnancy, no intervention is indicated. Merck Canada should be contacted by the client to report incident.</td>
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<td><strong>Lactation</strong></td>
<td>Can be safely administered to eligible breastfeeding women.</td>
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| **Composition**                             | Each 0.5 mL dose contains:  
  • 30 mcg of HPV 6 L1 protein  
  • 40 mcg of HPV 11 L1 protein  
  • 60 mcg of HPV 16 L1 protein  
  • 40 mcg of HPV 18 L1 protein  
  • 20 mcg of HPV 31 L1 protein  
  • 20 mcg of HPV 33 L1 protein  
  • 20 mcg of HPV 45 L1 protein  
  • 20 mcg of HPV 52 L1 protein  
  • 20 mcg of HPV 58 L1 protein  
  • 500 mcg aluminum (amorphous aluminum hydroxyphosphate sulphate adjuvant)  
  • 9.56 mg sodium chloride  
  • 0.78 mg L-histidine  
  • 50 mcg polysorbate 80  
  • 35 mcg sodium borate  
  • water for injection  
  • Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast) is used to produce L1 proteins |
| **Blood/Blood Products**                    | Contains no human blood/blood products.                                                                                                      |
| **Bovine/Porcine Products**                 | Contains no bovine or porcine products.                                                                                                       |
| **Latex**                                   | There is no latex in the vaccine or vaccine packaging.                                                                                         |
| **Interchangeability**                      | • HPV vaccines produced by different manufacturers can be used interchangeably. Eligible individuals, who began their immunization series with CERVARIX™ or Gardasil®, can complete the series using GARDASIL®9. All 3 vaccines provide protection against HPV types 16 and 18. If less than the recommended number of doses of Gardasil®9 vaccine are provided, protection against the additional HPV types cannot be ensured. Counseling on this issue must be provided to the client at the time of immunization. For situations deemed to be high risk, consideration for a Gardasil®9 series must include consultation with the MOH. |
| **Administration with Other Products**       | • May be given at the same time as other inactivated and live vaccines using a separate needle and syringe for each vaccine.  
  • The same limb may be used if necessary, but different sites on the limb must be chosen. |
| **Appearance**                              | After agitation, the vaccine appears as a white, cloudy liquid.                                                                                   |
| **Storage**                                 | • Store at +2°C to +8°C  
  • Do not freeze  
  • Do not use beyond the labeled expiry date  
  • Must be stored in original package to protect from light |
### Vaccine Code
- HPV-9

### Antigen Code
- HPV

### Licensed for
- Females 9 years of age up to and including 45 years of age.
- Males 9 years up to and including 26 years of age.

**Program Notes:**
- 2008/2009 School Year: HPV vaccine became part of the routine Alberta Immunization Program for grade 5 girls.
- 2009/2010 School Year: HPV vaccine was made available to grade 9 girls for a 3 year catch up program.
- November 2012: HPV vaccine eligibility expanded to include:
  - females who were eligible in grade 5 would remain eligible to the end of grade 12
  - male and female recipients of HSCT 9 years up to and including 17 years of age.
- July 2014: HPV vaccine eligibility expanded to include male recipients of HSCT 9 years up to the end of grade 12.
- September 2014: HPV vaccine was included in the routine school immunization program for boys in grade 5. In addition, a catch-up program was offered to grade 9 boys for a 4 year time period, ending in June 2018.
- September 1, 2016: Gardasil® 9 vaccine replaced Gardasil® vaccine for all eligible individuals.
- February 2018: HPV eligibility was expanded to include MSM.
- September 2018: HPV schedule was changed to a two dose series for immunocompetent and non HIV infected individuals ages 9 to 14 years of age inclusive. In addition, the routine school immunization program for HPV vaccine changed from being offered in grade 5 to grade 6.

**Related Resources:**
- Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Information Sheet (104506).

**References:**