

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Vaccine Changes: From 1 July 2024

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine Nimenrix replaces Meningococcal C vaccine Neisvac-C

- Infants aged <12months and eligible for MenC will receive MenACWY instead as it provides protection against meningococcal serotypes A, C, W and Y. Those aged >12 months and eligible will continue to receive MenQuadfi.
- Nimenrix will be distributed from mid-June but can only be administered **from 1 Jul 2024 onwards**. Remaining NeisVac-C stock should be discarded via sharps disposal bins and NOT used after 1 July 2024. Note that there are no changes in eligibility criteria.

Hepatitis A vaccine Havrix will be listed as Havrix 1440

- Note this is the exact same vaccine. The name change is simply to distinguish it more clearly from the vaccine for adolescents Havrix Junior.
- There is no change to eligibility criteria.

Haemophilus influenza type-B vaccine Act-HIB replaces Hiberix

- There are no changes in eligibility. Exhaust Hiberix stock first.

Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine Varilrix replaces Varivax

- There are no changes in eligibility. Exhaust Varivax stock first.

Shingles vaccine Shingrix will have widened eligibility criteria for specific people aged 18 years and older

- Pre- and post- haematopoietic stem cell transplant or cellular therapy pre- or post-organ transplant, those with haematological malignancies; those with poorly controlled HIV infection, some people who receive disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, those with end stage kidney disease, and people with primary immunodeficiency.
- Remains funded for all people aged 65 years. Refer to [schedule.pharmac.govt.nz](https://www.scheduledpharmaceuticals.govt.nz/) for more information

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