

Polio (Inactivated) (IPV)

This information is a supplement to [Pharmacists & Publicly Funded Vaccines in B.C.—General Information](#).

Pharmacist Access Criteria

Publicly funded Poliomyelitis (inactivated) vaccine (IPV) can be requested for administration by a pharmacist on a case by case basis for certain eligible BC residents specifically for travel related indications.

For patients who meet public health eligibility criteria, this publicly funded vaccination is available at no charge to the patient. PharmaCare will pay a \$10 fee to the pharmacy for administering this injection to a person aged 5 years and older (as per [College of Pharmacists of BC Standards, Limits and Conditions](#)).

Other BC residents may purchase Poliomyelitis (inactivated) vaccine (IPV) vaccine and may pay to have the vaccine administered by an authorized pharmacist. Vaccine costs, including administration supplies and services, are paid for by individuals out of pocket. Selected private drug plans may also cover vaccine costs.

Products

The publicly funded IPV vaccine available in B.C. is Imovax[®] Polio.

For specific information about Poliomyelitis (inactivated) (IPV) vaccine, refer to the product monograph in the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

Note: IPV vaccine may not be regularly stocked in some local health units. This vaccine needs to be pre-ordered on a case by case basis. All orders for this vaccine need to be made to [local health units](#) well in advance of the date needed.

Patient Eligibility

Routine immunization against polio of adults living in Canada is not considered necessary. If only polio vaccine is required, give IPV. If tetanus and diphtheria are also required give [Td-IPV](#).

Current recommendations and patient eligibility criteria for publicly funded Poliomyelitis (inactivated) vaccine (IPV) vaccine are provided within the product monograph in the BCCDC Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

Note: The eligibility criteria for publicly funded IPV vaccine in BC are established by the [BCCDC](#) and may differ from those of the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#) (NACI).