

Human papillomavirus (Gardasil®)

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

Pharmacist access criteria

Publicly funded human papillomavirus (HPV) (Gardasil®) vaccine can be requested for pharmacist administration to eligible B.C. residents on a case-by-case basis as a supplement to the school-based program.

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 B.C. residents may purchase human papillomavirus (Gardasil®) 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.

Note: Please see the information about B.C.'s [Human Papillomavirus \(Cervarix®\) One-Time Program](#) for women 26 years of age or younger at series commencement and born before 1994.

Products

The publicly funded HPV vaccine that is part of the provincial school-based program in B.C. is Gardasil®.

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

Patient eligibility

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

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

Human papillomavirus (Gardasil®)—school-based program for children

If a request comes in to the pharmacy to administer a Gardasil® vaccine to a person eligible to receive it as part of the school-based program, the pharmacist should contact the local health unit to review the case and arrange for vaccine product to be released if appropriate.

Special considerations—documentation

Reporting of administration of HPV (Gardasil®) vaccine for grade 6 students as part of the publicly funded school-based program is recommended and highly encouraged.