

VACCINE IMMUNIZATIONS

After Autologous Stem Cell Transplant

Your Immune System After Transplant

Even though your blood counts are now normal, your immune system is still weak. It will take several months for your immune system to recover. During this time you are at higher risk of getting sick. The vaccines you have been given since childhood may no longer be effective. You will need to get your vaccines again to help protect you against certain infections.

Which Vaccinations Do I Need To Get Again?

You will be given the WRHN Cancer Centre *Vaccine Schedule and Immunization Record*. If you have more questions about your vaccine schedule, contact your local public health unit.

How Much Do Vaccinations Cost?



Most vaccines are covered by the Ontario Health Plan. For those that are not, your private insurance/drug plans may cover these costs. There are some cases where you may need to pay out of pocket. Below is a list of vaccines that you may need to pay for, and their estimated cost:

- Hepatitis B: \$42 per dose, 3 doses total = \$126
- HPV (Gardasil-9): \$212 per dose, 3 doses total = \$636
- Meningococcal (Menactra): \$131 per dose, 1 dose total = \$131
- Shingles (Shingrix): \$172 per dose, 2 doses total = \$344

Note: Prices are as of May 2025 (WRHN Health Care Centre Pharmacy quote).

If you are struggling to pay for a vaccine(s), and have no insurance/drug plan, contact your **Transplant Nurse Navigator at the WRHN Cancer Center: 226-750-9099.**

Where Can I Get Vaccinated?

Family Doctor/Nurse Practitioners Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the vaccine schedule for the timeline to get vaccines• Contact your doctor, nurse practitioner, or healthcare provider to book an appointment.
If You Don't Have a Family Doctor	<p>Waterloo Region Public Health regionofwaterloo.ca</p>  <p>Public Health Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph wdgpublichealth.ca</p> 
For COVID-19 and Flu Shots	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your family doctor or primary care provider• Local pharmacies

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