

## Health Profile on Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth in Canada



Module Appendix: Canadian clinical vaccination guidelines

Guideline	Country	Applicable to Canada?	Evidence based?	Recommendation	Areas of discrepancy
<p><b>(Pottie, 2011) Evidence-Based Clinical Guidelines for Immigrants and Refugees</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3168666/pdf/183e824.pdf">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3168666/pdf/183e824.pdf</a></p>	Canada	yes	Yes	<p>MMR: Vaccinate all immigrant children with missing or uncertain vaccination records using age-appropriate vaccination for measles, mumps and rubella.</p> <p>Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio: Vaccinate all immigrant children with missing or uncertain vaccination records using age-appropriate vaccination for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio.</p> <p>Varicella (chicken pox): Vaccinate all immigrant children &lt; 13 years of age with varicella vaccine without prior serologic testing. Screen all immigrants and refugees from tropical countries ≥13 years of age for serum varicella antibodies, and vaccinate those found to be susceptible (not yet immune).</p> <p>Hepatitis B: Vaccinate susceptible children and youth from countries where Hepatitis B seroprevalence is moderate to high (i.e., &gt; 2% HBsAg positive).</p>	[In Canada] There are no structured catch-up vaccination programs for [immigrant and refugee] children after arrival.
<p><b>(Dontigny, 2008) Rubella in Pregnancy</b></p> <p><a href="http://soqc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/guiJOG_C203CPG0802.pdf">http://soqc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/guiJOG_C203CPG0802.pdf</a></p>	Canada	No - Population is not children	Yes - Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care	Immunize all immigrant and refugee women at their first encounter with the Canadian health care system, unless they have documentation of effective vaccination or natural immunity	