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**Introduction**

In September 2004, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care first made the Meningococcal type-C conjugate (Men-C) vaccines (Neis-Vac™ by *GlaxoSmithKline* and Menjugate™ by *Merck Frosst*) available to 1 year old children through Ontario's publicly-funded program.

In January 2005, the Ministry expanded the eligibility criteria for publicly funded vaccine to include grade 7 students (12 years of age), youths 15-19 years of age, and "high-risk" individuals of any age.

**NEW for 2007: Public Funding Criteria for the Men-C Vaccine**

The following persons are eligible to receive publicly funded Men-C vaccine in 2007:

- 1) Children: 1, 2 and 3 years of age (inclusive)
- 2) Children/youth: 12-21 years of age (inclusive)
- 3) All persons who meet the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) high-risk criteria:
  - All individuals with functional or anatomic asplenia
  - All individuals with complement, properdin or factor D deficiency
  - HIV-positive individuals

**For More Information**

Men-C vaccine fact sheets are available from the following websites:

- <http://www.peelregion.ca/health/immunization/vaccines-fact-sheets.htm>
- [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/pub\\_menus/pub\\_immun.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/pub_menus/pub_immun.html)

If you have any questions about Invasive Meningococcal Disease, the Men-C vaccine, or Men-C vaccine eligibility, please call Peel Public Health at **(905) 799-7700**