

INFLUVAC® (trivalent influenza vaccine) overview

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Influenza.
Don't get it.
Don't give it.

Distribution of INFLUVAC® (trivalent)

FLUARIX® TETRA for children aged under 3 years is out of stock and has been replaced with INFLUVAC® (trivalent vaccine). Stock of INFLUVAC® TETRA for adults and children aged 3 years or older is still available.

Similar vaccine packaging: Spot the differences

INFLUVAC® and INFLUVAC® TETRA packaging is very similar. Spot the package differences when you select influenza vaccine from the fridge and check the syringe label before you vaccinate. The table below compares INFLUVAC® with INFLUVAC® TETRA and provides important information on the differences between the two vaccines.

Different INFLUVAC® dose for children aged under 3 years

INFLUVAC® is a 0.25 mL dose for children aged under 3 years. To prepare a 0.25 mL dose, push the syringe plunger to the edge of the line on the syringe barrel, refer to diagram below.



Table: Comparison of INFLUVAC® and INFLUVAC® TETRA vaccines

Vaccine brand:	INFLUVAC® (trivalent)	INFLUVAC® TETRA (quadrivalent)																															
Funding status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully funded for eligible children aged under 3 years, i.e. aged 6–35 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully funded for eligible adults and children aged 3 years or older 																															
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Children who need two doses of influenza vaccine:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When FLUARIX® TETRA was administered as the first influenza vaccination, one dose of either FLUARIX® TETRA or INFLUVAC® (trivalent) can be given at least 4 weeks later to complete a two-dose priming course When INFLUVAC® (trivalent) is administered as the first influenza vaccination, a second dose of INFLUVAC® (trivalent) can be given at least 4 weeks later to complete a two-dose priming course Children who have received one influenza vaccine any time in the past only need a single dose in the current season 																																
Influenza strains for 2018:	Trivalent vaccine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus Quadrivalent vaccine also includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus 																																
Precaution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza vaccination may be contraindicated or need to be delayed for people receiving the following cancer treatments, atezolizumab (Tecentriq®), ipilimumab (Yervoy®), nivolumab (Opdivo®) and pembrolizumab (Keytruda®), refer to page 16 for more information 																																
Components of special note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gentamicin Less than 1 microgram ovalbumin 																																
Latex:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INFLUVAC® and INFLUVAC® TETRA cannot be considered latex-free 																																
Presentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-filled syringe: 0.5 mL 																																
Storage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccines must be stored, protected from light, at +2°C to +8°C. DO NOT FREEZE Quarantine vaccines stored outside the required temperature range and contact your Immunisation/Cold Chain Coordinator Temperature-monitored chilly bins must be used if vaccines are temporarily stored outside the vaccine refrigerator or being transported 																																
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Order from:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Logistics (HCL) Phone: 0508 425 358 Fax: 0508 408 358 www.hcl.co.nz 																																