

Hepatitis A and B vaccine schedule for adults

	HEPATITIS A	HEPATITIS B
WHY GET VACCINATED?	<p>The best way to protect yourself against hepatitis A is to get vaccinated. Especially consider if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ travelling overseas■ living with liver disease or hep B or C■ a man who has sex with other men■ a person who injects drugs■ a person whose occupation is at higher risk for hepatitis A.■ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in some areas.	<p>The best way to protect yourself against hepatitis B is to get vaccinated. Especially consider if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ in a high risk group (see www.hep.org.au/hep-b/hep-b-transmission)■ born to a mother with hepatitis B■ been at risk of blood-to-blood contact (e.g. injecting drugs)■ have or have had a sexual partner who has hepatitis B.
HOW MANY VACCINATION SHOTS ARE NEEDED FOR ADULTS?	<p>The hepatitis A vaccine is made up of 2 doses, given 6 months apart. Both doses are needed for long-term protection from hepatitis A.</p>	<p>You need 3 injections in 6 months, and a blood test 4 weeks after your last injection to make sure it worked. If the vaccine has worked, you are protected from hepatitis B for life.</p>
CATCH-UP VACCINATIONS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENS	<p>You can get a catch-up vaccination if you think you missed it during childhood. Speak to your doctor.</p>	<p>You can get a catch-up vaccination if you think you missed it during childhood. Speak to your doctor.</p>
VACCINATION FOR TRAVELLERS	<p>An accelerated vaccination schedule may be available if you are travelling to a country where hepatitis A is a risk. Speak to your doctor or a travel medicine clinic about getting vaccinated before you travel.</p>	<p>An accelerated vaccination schedule may be available if you are travelling to a country where hepatitis B is a risk. Speak to your doctor or a travel medicine clinic about getting vaccinated before you travel.</p>
ARE BOOSTER DOSES NEEDED?	<p>No routine booster is needed after the second dose.</p>	<p>Booster doses are not usually needed for people who have had all the hepatitis B vaccinations. For more information, talk to your doctor and to get tested for immunity.</p>
HOW LONG DOES VACCINE PROTECTION LAST?	<p>If you get both doses of the vaccine, it can give you long-term protection. If you're unsure or it's been a long time since your vaccination, you can ask your doctor for a test to see if you are still immune.</p>	<p>If you get all three doses of the vaccine, and the vaccine has worked, you are protected for life. If you're unsure or it's been a long time since your vaccination, you can ask your doctor for a test to see if you are still immune.</p>
WHERE CAN I GET THE VACCINE?	<p>Vaccines are available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Your doctor's clinic■ Travel medicine clinic■ Local immunisation clinics■ Sexual Health Clinics <p>If it's your first dose, you may need to bring a record of previous vaccinations if you have them.</p>	<p>Vaccines are available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Your doctor's clinic■ Travel medicine clinic■ Local immunisation clinics■ Sexual Health Clinics <p>If it's your first dose, you may need to bring a record of previous vaccinations if you have them.</p>
COST AND MEDICARE REBATES	<p>Some at-risk groups may be eligible for free vaccination. Hepatitis A vaccine is also free in NSW if you've been exposed to hepatitis A. Others may need to pay a fee. Check with your doctor to find out about costs.</p>	<p>People under 20 years old can get hepatitis B vaccines for free, as well as refugees and migrants of any age. Some at-risk groups are also eligible for free vaccination. Others may need to pay a fee. Check with your doctor to find out about costs.</p>

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