

Patient Information
TWINRIX™
Combination Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccine

GENERAL INFORMATION

Twinrix is a combination Hepatitis A/B vaccine. Twinrix is recommended for persons 18 years of age or older who are at risk for Hepatitis A and B (see Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for complete information).

Hepatitis A is a serious viral illness that affects the liver, which is spread by close personal contact, and sometimes by eating food or drinking water containing Hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is a risk for travelers to endemic areas, which includes Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia (except Japan), Africa and eastern Europe.

Hepatitis B is a serious infection of the liver caused by hepatitis B virus (HBV). It is transmitted through body fluids, including exposure to contaminated blood/blood products, contaminated needles, razors, dental/medical equipment and sexual contact.

Hepatitis A & B may be a more severe illness in persons with other forms of liver disease, such as Hepatitis C.

Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)

Note: No *Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)* has been published for this vaccine. It is recommended that you review CDC VISs for both Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B when Twinrix is recommended for the general side effects and risks.

VACCINATION SCHEDULE

Twinrix (combination A&B): 3 doses at 0, 1 and 6 months

(Can be given on accelerated schedule day 0, 7 and 21, with a fourth dose at 12 months. Accelerated schedule is not approved by the FDA, and should be reserved only for international travelers with imminent departures.)

Dose #1 _____ (0month)

Dose #2 due _____ (1 month).

Dose #3 due _____ (6 months).

(If you have received the accelerated Twinrix, you will need to return for a final booster dose. That fourth dose should be 12 months after the first dose.)

Resources:
Travel and Routine Immunizations, 2004 Edition.
CDC Vaccine Information StatementsTwinrix package insert

