

Hepatitis A Vaccine (Inactivated Viral)

AVAXIM®

Supplier: Sanofi Pasteur Limited

(Adult/Adolescent presentation: 160 antigen units/0.5 mL)

INDICATIONS:

- See [Hepatitis A Vaccine Indications](#)

DOSES AND SCHEDULE: ^A

12 years of age and older: ^B 2 doses given as 0.5 mL of AVAXIM® (160 antigen units) **IM**, separated by 6 months.

ADMINISTRATION:

No additional requirements.

BOOSTER DOSES:

No booster doses are recommended at this time.

SEROLOGICAL TESTING:

Serological testing may be indicated prior to immunization for select special populations, see [Part 2 – Immunization of Special Populations](#). Post-vaccination serological testing is not indicated following a hepatitis A vaccine series.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

1. History of anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of any hepatitis A vaccine, or to any component of AVAXIM®.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS:

Potential allergens: neomycin, polysorbate 80.

Other components: formaldehyde, aluminum hydroxide, 2-phenoxyethanol, Medium 199.

PRECAUTIONS:

Not applicable.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For more information related to pre-exposure prophylaxis against hepatitis A related to travel, refer clients to their local travel clinic.

ADVERSE EVENTS:

Local: soreness, redness.

Systemic: headache, fatigue, fever, malaise, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

^A Hepatitis A vaccines may be used interchangeably using the age-appropriate dose for the product being given.

^B For HIV positive individuals, provide 3 doses of vaccine at 0, 1 and 6 months.