Provincial Canadian HPV vaccination: doses vs age of vaccination

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• Some evidence of cross-protection against strains 31 and 45 (the other cancer strains).

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 piggybacking on other vaccination programs
 tends to result in greater uptake rates.

Provincial vaccination strategies

Strategy	Province(s)	Grade	Doses	Coverage Rate
1	NWT	4	3	unknown
2	\mathbf{QU}	4, 9	2, 1(last)	81-86%
3	AB	5	3	50-60%
4	BC	6,9	2	62%
5	NL	6,9	3	85%
6	MB	6	3	52-61%
6	NU	6	3	unknown
6	$\rm PE$	6	3	85%
6	SK	6	3	58-66%
6	YK	6	3	unknown
7	NS	7	3	85%
7	NB	7	3	unknown
8	ON	8	3	49- 59%

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