



Fluzone® HD (high-dose) – Prescription Status

There is substantial interest this year in a new influenza preparation, Fluzone® HD. See our [Influenza Update newsletter](#) for more detail about when Fluzone® HD might be considered for a patient.

A common question is whether pharmacists can recommend and provide Fluzone® HD vaccine without a prescription.

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) has clarified that Fluzone® HD is a **Schedule II** preparation, so pharmacists can provide the vaccine without a prescription—but it **will not be covered through Saskatchewan Public Health**. If a patient requests Fluzone® HD from a pharmacist, the patient will be responsible for the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee set by the pharmacy.

Some vaccines, such as the pneumococcal and influenza vaccines, are categorized by NAPRA as Schedule II when “part of a routine immunization program.” The NAPRA scheduling does not make a distinction between publicly and non-publicly funded vaccines when assigning schedules.

For a list of the Schedules of commonly encountered vaccines, view Administration of Drugs by Injection Supplementary guidelines at <https://scp.in1touch.org/document/3616/> (last page).

For a comprehensive listing of vaccine schedules, search “vaccine” on the NAPRA drug schedule tool at <http://napra.ca/national-drug-schedules?keywords=vaccine&schedule> .

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