Canada: Vaccine Doses in Children’s 2020 Routine Schedules—Prenatal to Age 18

USA 2017: 69 Vaccine Doses of 16 Vaccines—Birth to age 18
USA is said to have the most highly vaccinated child population in G7 countries.
In 2020, Canada is running neck-and-neck with our southern neighbour’s aggressive vaccination policy. Note our dose numbers include 1 or 4 prenatal doses for fetal exposure that occurs when pregnant woman are vaccinated.

NOTES
*Difference in number of vaccine doses are based on Ethnicity or risk status as follows:
1) BCG (TB vaccine) given at birth only to Aboriginal newborns in NWT, 2) Pneu C-13 Vaccine: Alberta, Manitoba, PEI and NF&L give Aboriginal or High Risk babies 1 extra dose, 3) HepA Vaccine: Aboriginal babies only — BC 3 doses, Sask 2 doses.
Fewest Doses: Quebec gives the fewest vaccine doses (49) of any province. This is likely a monetary decision since Quebec is the only province in Canada with a vaccine-injury compensation program. They have the most unique routine childhood schedule with 1) NO influenza vaccines, 2) NO MenC-ACWY, 3) Td as adolescent booster (no pertussis), 4) Men C-10 (not Men C-13 or 23) and HepA+B for all children.
Most Doses: NWT, Yukon and Alberta, followed closely by the other provinces and territories. Excluding Quebec, the range is from 66 to 73 doses.
Informed Consent: Saskatchewan limits Mature Minor Consent/Refusal to vaccinations to 13–17 year olds. All other provinces place no age limit on Mature Minor Consent/Refusal overriding parental Consent/Refusal. Rather provinces leave it up to the health professional to assess ability of any age child to understand risks/benefits of vaccination for Consent/Refusal purposes.

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