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 an 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.