VACCINE ADVANCEMENTS

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GOOD NEWS IN THE WORLD OF VACCINES

Since the B/Yamagata influenza strain is no longer in circulation, the FDA has recommended that influenza vaccine manufacturers remove it from their vaccines.¹

MOVING FROM QUADRIVALENT TO TRIVALENT VACCINES

In accordance with the FDA, CSL Seqirus is removing the B/Yamagata strain from its seasonal flu vaccines and will only supply trivalent vaccines (3 strains) starting in the 2024-2025 influenza season.

This change will NOT impact

- Vaccine effectiveness
- Safety
- Price
- Supply

CPT codes have changed!

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A PUBLIC HEALTH SUCCESS STORY

It is extremely rare that a virus disappears from circulation. Thanks to successful flu vaccination efforts, along with other factors, a strain that has contributed to the substantial burden of flu disease in the US is no longer a threat.¹



We are proud to say that we have responded swiftly to meet the FDA's directive and are committed to working with health authorities to support this transition ahead of the 2024-2025 flu season.

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BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS

- WHY DID THE FDA RECOMMEND THE SWITCH TO TRIVALENT FLU VACCINES?
- One of the strains (the B/Yamagata strain) has not been circulating since March 2020, so having it in vaccines no longer helps. There is clear regulatory guidance that states no vaccine should contain a component that doesn't offer a benefit of improved effectiveness or safety.¹
- WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A
 QUADRIVALENT AND A TRIVALENT FLU VACCINE?
- A: Quadrivalent vaccines contain strains from 4 flu viruses. Now that one strain has disappeared, these vaccines will contain 3 strains, making them trivalent.¹
- **1S THE TRIVALENT VACCINE LESS EFFECTIVE THAN THE QUADRIVALENT ONE?**
- As No. A strain that no longer provides a benefit has been removed. Trivalent vaccines will continue to contain the most prevalent viruses expected to be circulating.^{1,2}
- WILL THE SIDE EFFECTS BE DIFFERENT WITH THE TRIVALENT VACCINE?
- A No. They will continue to be similar.1





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