

# Questionnaire: Guidelines for the economic evaluation of vaccination programs in Canada

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# National Advisory Committee on Immunization: Guidelines for the Economic Evaluation of Vaccination Programs in Canada

## Introduction

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) provides the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) with ongoing and timely medical, scientific, and public health advice relating to immunization.

In addition to safety, efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, and burden of illness, PHAC has expanded the mandate of NACI to include the systematic consideration of programmatic factors in developing evidence-based recommendations to facilitate timely decision-making for publicly funded vaccine programs at provincial and territorial levels. The additional factors to be systematically considered by NACI include economics, ethics, equity, feasibility, and acceptability.

The first edition of the NACI Guidelines on the Economic Evaluation of Vaccination Programs in Canada, hereafter referred to as the Guidelines, is now available as a draft for public comment.

The Guidelines have been established to articulate best practices for conducting and reporting economic evaluations of vaccination programs in Canada. This is so that decision-makers in Canada's publicly funded health system can have access to consistent and credible information to inform decisions related to vaccination programs. The target audience of these Guidelines include researchers conducting such economic evaluations, as well as policy-makers using the results generated from such evaluations.

NACI is now seeking input on the draft Guidelines from stakeholders, including but not limited to:

- Provinces and territories
- The Canadian Immunization Committee
- Vaccine Safety Working Group
- The Council of the Chief Medical Officers of Health
- National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs)
- Provincial Immunization Technical Advisory Group (PITAGs)
- Health Technology Assessment Agencies
- Patient advocacy groups
- Researchers
- Policy Makers
- Industry
- Other interested parties

On the [CANVax website](#) under Webinars, you will find two recordings highlighting the key content from the Guidelines. The shorter version is for policy-makers, and the longer version is for analysts conducting economic evaluations.

All feedback received will be considered by the NACI Secretariat and Economic Guidelines Task Group in their final review before it is tabled for final approval by NACI and made publicly available. Your feedback will help inform the updates to the guidelines, however no separate report will be issued.

All feedback is due by May 31, 2022 at 11:59PM EST.

If you have any questions, please contact the NACI Secretariat at [naci-ccni@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:naci-ccni@phac-aspc.gc.ca).

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The personal information that you are providing, including your views are being collected in order to seek your feedback on the NACI Guidelines on the Economic Evaluation of Vaccination Programs in Canada. Your personal information may also be used to understand the demographics of participants contributing to these consultations and to facilitate following up with respondents should clarification be required for any responses given. Respondents will not be contacted for any other purpose and only if clarification is required. Comments featured in the consultation summary will not be attributed to any specific individual or organization.

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## For More Information:

The collection of your personal information is described in Info Source at [PHAC's Info Source page](#). Refer to the PHAC class of personal information bank (PIB), Outreach Activities PSU 938.

## Instructions for Completing the Questionnaire

For provincial and territorial jurisdictions, federal/ provincial/ territorial groups, and other organizations (including industry), return only **one** completed consultation that summarizes **your organization's position** on the content of the draft Guidelines. Individuals are welcome to submit feedback as well.

Keep in mind that the final draft of the Guidelines will go through a comprehensive language edit, therefore, editorial comments are not necessary unless they are technically relevant or provide important context.

If you do not complete the consultation in one session, you may return to continue where you left off by accessing the consultation using the same computer or device you began the consultation with. Your responses should be saved up to the last page you clicked the forward arrow on.

You must press "Submit" at the end of the questionnaire, for your responses to be shared with the NACI Secretariat.

On the public consultation webpage, you will find the questionnaire and guidelines available for download.

If you have any questions, please contact the NACI Secretariat at [naci-ccni@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:naci-ccni@phac-aspc.gc.ca).

# Demographic Questions

- 1) **Are you providing feedback on behalf of your organization?** (Mandatory question)
- Yes [If YES, answer 1a, 1b then skip to Q3]
  - No [If NO skip to Q2]
  - Prefer not to answer

1) a) **What is the name of your organization?** (Optional question)

1) b) **Which of the following categories best describes your organization?**

(Mandatory question)

- National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG)
- Provincial Immunization Technical Advisory Group (PITAG)
- Health technology assessment agency
- Academia
- Canadian provincial or territorial government
- Other level of Canadian government
- Government outside of Canada
- Consulting firm
- Industry
- Patient advocacy group
- Other, please specify: [open text]
- Prefer not to answer

2) **What is your current occupation?** (Mandatory question)

- [open text]
- Prefer not to answer

3) **If applicable, for what purpose(s) will you and/or your organization use the economic evidence produced by NACI?** (Mandatory question)

- [open text]
- Prefer not to answer

4) **Do you and/or your organization conduct model-based economic evaluations for vaccine programs?** (Mandatory question)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

5) **Please provide the following contact information. This information is optional and will only be used by the Secretariat to NACI to contact you if clarification is required.** (Optional question)

- a) Name:
- b) Email:
- c) Telephone:

## Consultation Questions

- 6) **Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:**
- a. The recommendations (i.e., Guideline Statements) are clear. (Mandatory question)  
Strongly agree  
Somewhat agree  
Neither agree nor disagree  
Somewhat disagree  
Strongly disagree  
Prefer not to answer
  
  - b. The Guidelines are appropriate for the target audience (primarily researchers conducting such economic evaluations; also, policy-makers using the results generated). (Mandatory question)
    - Strongly agree
    - Somewhat agree
    - Neither agree nor disagree
    - Somewhat disagree
    - Strongly disagree
    - Prefer not to answer
  
  - c. The Guidelines are feasible to implement. (Mandatory question)
    - Strongly agree
    - Somewhat agree
    - Neither agree nor disagree
    - Somewhat disagree
    - Strongly disagree
    - Prefer not to answer
- 7) **Please provide feedback on the Impact Inventory Table (found in the Perspectives chapter and again in the Appendix). Comments may include, but not be limited to, the comprehensiveness of the elements, structure of the table, and ease of use.**  
Character limit: 10,000
- 8) **Please provide feedback on Chapter 14: Equity. Comments may include, but not be limited to, the clarity of the recommendations and of the text, and the feasibility of applying the recommendations.** Character limit: 10,000
- 9) **Please provide any other comments you may have on the Guidelines, including any information gaps. Where applicable, please indicate the chapter, section and/or line associated to your comment.** Character limit: 10,000

10) **What are the potential challenges to implementing the Guidelines? Where applicable, please indicate the chapter, section, and/or line pertaining to your comments.** Character limit: 10,000

11) **Do you have any additional references that you suggest we review or incorporate?**

- Yes (If YES, go to 11 A)
- No (If NO, skip to 12)

11a) **What information gap(s) would the references address? If available, please provide them as an electronic copy or a hyperlink.**

12) **If you made edits to the Guidelines PDF document directly (i.e., adding comment boxes), please upload the suggestions as a PDF document. If you made edits to the Guidelines Word document directly (i.e., using tracked changes)**