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Meningitis vaccine now available to Canadian health care practitioners ***First vaccine to protect against most common strain of meningococcal meningitis***

(Brampton)—Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC) is pleased to share that a vaccine which helps protect against meningitis B for children and adolescents is now available in Canada. After being approved by Health Canada last December, wholesale outlets across the country will now be receiving their supply of the vaccine over the next two days.

Protecting children from two months to 17 years of age, Bexsero® is the first vaccine to screen against Meningococcal B (MenB), the most common type of meningococcal meningitis in Canada. MenB is an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord, and is one of the most devastating diseases affecting children and teenagers.

MenB can appear quickly, often initially going undetected because its early symptoms resemble the flu. Those infected may face long-term disability, such as neurological damage, limb amputation and scarring.

“We are thrilled with the availability of the vaccine in Canada,” said Furakh Mir, Founder of Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC). “Our health care professionals are now in a much better position to protect infants, children and adolescents from all five of the common causes of meningococcal meningitis.”

Meningitis Relief Canada (MRC) is a Canadian Registered Charity. Its vision is to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by the complications of meningitis by providing means to heal and rebuild. MRC's mission is to educate and raise awareness of meningitis amongst the public and healthcare professionals in order to prevent death and disability from the disease, and to provide grief and bereavement counselling, financial assistance and support services to individuals affected by meningitis in Canada.

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