

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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ROTARIX® (Rotavirus Vaccine, Live, Oral)

Oral Suspension

Initial U.S. Approval: 2008

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ROTARIX is a vaccine indicated for the prevention of rotavirus gastroenteritis caused by G1 and non-G1 types (G3, G4, and G9) in infants and children. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

FOR ORAL USE ONLY. (2.1)

- Each dose is 1-mL administered orally. (2.2)
- Administer first dose to infants beginning at 6 weeks of age. (2.2)
- Administer second dose after an interval of at least 4 weeks and prior to 24 weeks of age. (2.2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Vial of lyophilized vaccine to be reconstituted with a liquid diluent in a prefilled oral applicator. (3)
- Each 1-mL dose contains a suspension of at least $10^{6.0}$ median Cell Culture Infective Dose (CCID₅₀) of live, attenuated human G1P[8] rotavirus after reconstitution. (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

History of uncorrected congenital malformation of the gastrointestinal tract that would predispose the infant to intussusception. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Previous hypersensitivity to any component of ROTARIX including latex rubber (contained in oral applicator). (5.1, 11)
- Administration of ROTARIX in infants suffering from acute diarrhea or vomiting should be delayed. Safety and effectiveness of ROTARIX in infants with chronic gastrointestinal disorders have not been evaluated. (5.2)
- Since ROTARIX is a live virus safety and effectiveness in infants with known primary or secondary immunodeficiencies have not been evaluated. (5.3)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Common ($\geq 5\%$) solicited adverse events included fussiness/irritability, cough/runny nose, fever, loss of appetite, and vomiting. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact

GlaxoSmithKline at 1-888-825-5249 or VAERS at 1-800-822-7967 or www.vaers.hhs.gov.

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1 **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

2 **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

3 ROTARIX is indicated for the prevention of rotavirus gastroenteritis caused by G1 and
4 non-G1 types (G3, G4, and G9) when administered as a 2-dose series in infants and children [*see*
5 *Clinical Studies (14.3)*].

6 **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

7 **2.1 Reconstitution Instructions for Oral Administration**

8 **For oral use only.** Not for injection.

9 Reconstitute only with accompanying diluent. Do not mix ROTARIX with other vaccines
10 or solutions. Inspect vials visually for any cracks prior to administration. If any cracks exist, the
11 vaccine should not be administered.



Remove vial cap and push transfer adapter onto vial (lyophilized vaccine).



Shake diluent in oral applicator (white, turbid suspension). Connect oral applicator to transfer adapter.



Push plunger of oral applicator to transfer diluent into vial. Suspension will appear white and turbid.



Withdraw vaccine into oral applicator.



Twist and remove the oral applicator.



Ready for **oral** administration.



Do not use a needle with ROTARIX.
Not for injection.

12 **2.2 Recommended Dose and Schedule**

13 The vaccination series consists of two 1-mL doses administered **orally**. The first dose
14 should be administered to infants beginning at 6 weeks of age. There should be an interval of at
15 least 4 weeks between the first and second dose. The 2-dose series should be completed by
16 24 weeks of age.

17 Safety and effectiveness have not been evaluated if ROTARIX were administered for the
18 first dose and another rotavirus vaccine were administered for the second dose or vice versa.

19 In the event that the infant spits out or regurgitates most of the vaccine dose, a single
20 replacement dose may be considered at the same vaccination visit.

21 **2.3 Infant Feeding**

22 Breast-feeding was permitted in clinical studies. There was no evidence to suggest that
23 breast-feeding reduced the protection against rotavirus gastroenteritis afforded by ROTARIX.
24 There are no restrictions on the infant's liquid consumption, including breast-milk, either before
25 or after vaccination with ROTARIX.

26 **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

27 ROTARIX is available as a vial of lyophilized vaccine to be reconstituted with a liquid
28 diluent in a prefilled oral applicator.

29 Each 1-mL dose contains a suspension of at least 10^{6.0} median Cell Culture Infective
30 Dose (CCID₅₀) of live, attenuated human G1P[8] rotavirus after reconstitution.

31 **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

32 History of uncorrected congenital malformation of the gastrointestinal tract (such as
33 Meckel's diverticulum) that would predispose the infant for intussusception.

34 **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

35 **5.1 Hypersensitivity Reactions**

36 Review infant immunization history for hypersensitivity and other reactions to any
37 component of ROTARIX, including latex rubber contained in the oral applicator. [*See*
38 *Description (11).*]

39 **5.2 Gastrointestinal Disorders**

40 Administration of ROTARIX should be delayed in infants suffering from acute diarrhea
41 or vomiting.

42 Safety and effectiveness of ROTARIX in infants with chronic gastrointestinal disorders
43 have not been evaluated. [*See Contraindications (4).*]

44 **5.3 Altered Immunocompetence**

45 Safety and effectiveness of ROTARIX in infants with known primary or secondary
46 immunodeficiencies, including infants with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), infants on
47 immunosuppressive therapy, or infants with malignant neoplasms affecting the bone marrow or
48 lymphatic system have not been evaluated.

49 **5.4 Shedding and Transmission**

50 Rotavirus shedding in stool occurs after vaccination with peak excretion occurring
51 around day 7 after dose 1. Live rotavirus shedding was evaluated in two studies among a subset
52 of infants at day 7 after dose 1. In these studies, the estimated percentages of recipients of
53 ROTARIX who shed live rotavirus were 25.6% (95% Confidence Interval [CI]: 10.2, 41.1) and
54 26.5% (95% CI: 15.5, 37.5), respectively. Transmission of virus was not evaluated. There is a
55 possibility that the live vaccine virus can be transmitted to non-vaccinated contacts. The potential
56 for transmission of vaccine virus following vaccination should be weighed against the possibility
57 of acquiring and transmitting natural rotavirus.

58 **5.5 Intussusception**

59 Following administration of a previously licensed oral live rhesus rotavirus-based
60 vaccine, an increased risk of intussusception was observed.¹ The risk of intussusception with
61 ROTARIX was evaluated in a safety study (including 63,225 infants) conducted in Latin
62 America and Finland. No increased risk of intussusception was observed in this clinical trial
63 following administration of ROTARIX when compared with placebo. [*See Adverse Reactions*
64 *(6.1).*]

65 **5.6 Post-Exposure Prophylaxis**

66 Safety and effectiveness of ROTARIX when administered after exposure to rotavirus
67 have not been evaluated.

68 **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

69 **6.1 Clinical Trials Experience**

70 Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction
71 rates observed in the clinical trials of a vaccine cannot be directly compared to rates in the
72 clinical trials of another vaccine, and may not reflect the rates observed in practice. As with any
73 vaccine, there is the possibility that broad use of ROTARIX could reveal adverse reactions not
74 observed in clinical trials.

75 Solicited and unsolicited adverse events, serious adverse events and cases of
76 intussusception were collected in 7 clinical studies. Cases of intussusception and serious adverse
77 events were collected in an additional large safety study. These 8 clinical studies evaluated a
78 total of 71,209 infants who received ROTARIX (N = 36,755) or placebo (N = 34,454). The
79 racial distribution for these studies was as follows: Hispanic 73.4%, White 16.2%, Black 1.0%,
80 and other 9.4%; 51% were male.

81 Solicited Adverse Events: In 7 clinical studies, detailed safety information was
82 collected by parents/guardians for 8 consecutive days following vaccination with ROTARIX
83 (i.e., day of vaccination and the next 7 days). A diary card was completed to record
84 fussiness/irritability, cough/runny nose, the infant's temperature, loss of appetite, vomiting, or
85 diarrhea on a daily basis during the first week following each dose of ROTARIX or placebo.
86 Adverse events among recipients of ROTARIX and placebo occurred at similar rates (Table 1).
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88 **Table 1. Solicited Adverse Events Within 8 Days Following Doses 1 and 2 of ROTARIX or**
 89 **Placebo (Total Vaccinated Cohort)**

	Dose 1		Dose 2	
	ROTARIX N = 3,284	Placebo N = 2,013	ROTARIX N = 3,201	Placebo N = 1,973
	%	%	%	%
Fussiness/irritability*	52	52	42	42
Cough/runny nose†	28	30	31	33
Fever‡	25	33	28	34
Loss of appetite§	25	25	21	21
Vomiting	13	11	8	8
Diarrhea	4	3	3	3

90 Total vaccinated cohort = all vaccinated infants for whom safety data were available.

91 N = number of infants for whom at least one symptom sheet was completed.

92 * Defined as crying more than usual.

93 † Data not collected in 1 of 7 studies; Dose 1: ROTARIX N = 2,583; placebo N = 1,897;
 94 Dose 2: ROTARIX N = 2,522; placebo N = 1,863.

95 ‡ Defined as temperature $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$) rectally or $\geq 99.5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) orally.

96 § Defined as eating less than usual.

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98 **Unsolicited Adverse Events:** Infants were monitored for unsolicited serious and non-
 99 serious adverse events that occurred in the 31-day period following vaccination in 7 clinical
 100 studies. The following adverse events occurred at a statistically higher incidence (95% CI of
 101 Relative Risk excluding 1) among recipients of ROTARIX (N = 5,082) as compared with
 102 placebo recipients (N = 2,902): irritability (ROTARIX 11.4%, placebo 8.7%) and flatulence
 103 (ROTARIX 2.2%, placebo 1.3%).

104 **Serious Adverse Events (SAEs):** Infants were monitored for serious adverse events
 105 that occurred in the 31-day period following vaccination in 8 clinical studies. Serious adverse
 106 events occurred in 1.7% of recipients of ROTARIX (N = 36,755) as compared with 1.9% of
 107 placebo recipients (N = 34,454). Among placebo recipients, diarrhea (placebo 0.07%, ROTARIX
 108 0.02%), dehydration (placebo 0.06%, ROTARIX 0.02%), and gastroenteritis (placebo 0.3%,
 109 ROTARIX 0.2%) occurred at a statistically higher incidence (95% CI of Relative Risk excluding
 110 1) as compared with recipients of ROTARIX.

111 **Deaths:** During the entire course of 8 clinical studies, there were 68 (0.19%) deaths
 112 following administration of ROTARIX (N = 36,755) and 50 (0.15%) deaths following placebo
 113 administration (N = 34,454). The most commonly reported cause of death following vaccination
 114 was pneumonia, which was observed in 19 (0.05%) recipients of ROTARIX and 10 (0.03%)
 115 placebo recipients (Relative Risk: 1.74, 95% CI: 0.76, 4.23).

116 **Intussusception:** In a controlled safety study conducted in Latin America and Finland,
 117 the risk of intussusception was evaluated in 63,225 infants (31,673 received ROTARIX and

118 31,552 received placebo). Infants were monitored by active surveillance including independent,
 119 complementary methods (prospective hospital surveillance and parent reporting at scheduled
 120 study visits) to identify potential cases of intussusception within 31 days after vaccination and, in
 121 a subset of 20,169 infants (10,159 received ROTARIX and 10,010 received placebo), up to one
 122 year after the first dose.

123 No increased risk of intussusception following administration of ROTARIX was
 124 observed within a 31-day period following any dose, and rates were comparable to the placebo
 125 group after a median of 100 days (Table 2). In a subset of 20,169 infants (10,159 received
 126 ROTARIX and 10,010 received placebo) followed up to one year after dose 1, there were 4 cases
 127 of intussusception with ROTARIX compared with 14 cases of intussusception with placebo
 128 [Relative Risk: 0.28 (95% CI: 0.10, 0.81)]. All of the infants who developed intussusception
 129 recovered without sequelae.

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131 **Table 2. Intussusception and Relative Risk With ROTARIX Compared With Placebo**

Confirmed Cases of Intussusception	ROTARIX N = 31,673	Placebo N = 31,552
Within 31 days of diagnosis after any dose	6	7
Relative Risk (95% CI)	0.85 (0.30, 2.42)	
Within 100 days of dose 1*	9	16
Relative Risk (95% CI)	0.56 (0.25, 1.24)	

132 CI = Confidence Interval.

133 * Median duration after dose 1 (follow-up visit at 30 to 90 days after dose 2).

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135 Among vaccine recipients, there were no confirmed cases of intussusception within the 0-
 136 to 14-day period after the first dose (Table 3), which was the period of highest risk for the
 137 previously licensed oral live rhesus rotavirus-based vaccine.¹

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139 **Table 3. Intussusception Cases by Day Range in Relation to Dose**

Day Range	Dose 1		Dose 2		Any Dose	
	ROTARIX N = 31,673	Placebo N = 31,552	ROTARIX N = 29,616	Placebo N = 29,465	ROTARIX N = 31,673	Placebo N = 31,552
0-7	0	0	2	0	2	0
8-14	0	0	0	2	0	2
15-21	1	1	2	1	3	2
22-30	0	1	1	2	1	3
Total (0-30)	1	2	5	5	6	7

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141 **Kawasaki Disease:** Kawasaki disease has been reported in 18 (0.035%) recipients of
 142 ROTARIX and 9 (0.021%) placebo recipients from 16 completed or ongoing clinical trials. Of
 143 the 27 cases, 5 occurred following ROTARIX in clinical trials that were either not placebo-

144 controlled or 1:1 randomized. In placebo-controlled trials, Kawasaki disease was reported in 17
145 recipients of ROTARIX and 9 placebo recipients [Relative Risk: 1.71 (95% CI: 0.71, 4.38)].
146 Three of the 27 cases were reported within 30 days post-vaccination: two cases (ROTARIX = 1,
147 placebo = 1) were from placebo-controlled trials [Relative Risk: 1.00 (95% CI: 0.01, 78.35)] and
148 one case following ROTARIX was from a non-placebo-controlled trial. Among recipients of
149 ROTARIX, the time of onset after study dose ranged 3 days to 19 months.

150 **6.2 Postmarketing Experience**

151 The following adverse events have been reported since market introduction of ROTARIX
152 outside the U.S. Because these events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain
153 size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal
154 relationship to vaccination with ROTARIX.

155 Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders: Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura.

156 Gastrointestinal Disorders: Hematochezia, intussusception.

157 General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions: Maladministration.

158 **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

159 **7.1 Concomitant Vaccine Administration**

160 In clinical trials, ROTARIX was administered concomitantly with US-licensed and non-
161 US-licensed vaccines. In a US coadministration study in 484 infants, there was no evidence of
162 interference in the immune responses to any of the antigens when PEDIARIX[®] [Diphtheria and
163 Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Hepatitis B (Recombinant) and Inactivated
164 Poliovirus Vaccine Combined], a US-licensed 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Wyeth
165 Pharmaceuticals Inc.), and a US-licensed Hib conjugate vaccine (Sanofi Pasteur SA) were
166 coadministered with ROTARIX as compared with separate administration of ROTARIX.

167 **7.2 Immunosuppressive Therapies**

168 Immunosuppressive therapies, including irradiation, antimetabolites, alkylating agents,
169 cytotoxic drugs, and corticosteroids (used in greater than physiologic doses), may reduce the
170 immune response to ROTARIX. [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.3).*]

171 **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

172 **8.1 Pregnancy**

173 Pregnancy Category C.

174 Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with ROTARIX. It is also not
175 known whether ROTARIX can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can
176 affect reproduction capacity.

177 **8.4 Pediatric Use**

178 Safety and effectiveness of ROTARIX in infants younger than 6 weeks or older than 24
179 weeks of age have not been evaluated.

180 The effectiveness of ROTARIX in pre-term infants has not been established. Safety data
181 are available in pre-term infants (ROTARIX = 134, placebo = 120) with a reported gestational
182 age \leq 36 weeks. These pre-term infants were followed for serious adverse events up to 30 to

183 90 days after dose 2. Serious adverse events were observed in 5.2% of recipients of ROTARIX
184 as compared with 5.0% of placebo recipients. No deaths or cases of intussusception were
185 reported in this population.

186 **11 DESCRIPTION**

187 ROTARIX (Rotavirus Vaccine, Live, Oral), for oral administration, is a live, attenuated
188 rotavirus vaccine derived from the human 89-12 strain which belongs to G1P[8] type. The
189 rotavirus strain is propagated on Vero cells. After reconstitution, the final formulation (1 mL)
190 contains at least $10^{6.0}$ median Cell Culture Infective Dose (CCID₅₀) of live, attenuated rotavirus.

191 The lyophilized vaccine contains amino acids, dextran, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle
192 Medium (DMEM), sorbitol, and sucrose. DMEM contains the following ingredients: sodium
193 chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, ferric (III) nitrate, sodium phosphate, sodium
194 pyruvate, D-glucose, concentrated vitamin solution, L-cystine, L-tyrosine, amino acids solution,
195 L-glutamine, calcium chloride, sodium hydrogenocarbonate, and phenol red. The liquid diluent
196 contains calcium carbonate, sterile water, and xanthan. The diluent includes an antacid
197 component (calcium carbonate) to protect the vaccine during passage through the stomach and
198 prevent its inactivation due to the acidic environment of the stomach.

199 ROTARIX contains no preservatives.

200 The tip cap and the rubber plunger of the oral applicator contain dry natural latex rubber.
201 The vial stopper and transfer adapter are latex-free.

202 **12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

203 **12.1 Mechanism of Action**

204 Prior to rotavirus vaccination programs, rotavirus infected nearly all children by the time
205 they were 5 years of age. Severe, dehydrating rotavirus gastroenteritis occurs primarily among
206 children aged 3 to 35 months.² Among children up to 3 years of age, approximately 16% of cases
207 before 6 months of age result in hospitalization.³

208 The exact immunologic mechanism by which ROTARIX protects against rotavirus
209 gastroenteritis is unknown [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]. ROTARIX contains a live,
210 attenuated human rotavirus that replicates in the small intestine and induces immunity.

211 **12.2 Pharmacodynamics**

212 Immunogenicity: A relationship between antibody responses to rotavirus vaccination
213 and protection against rotavirus gastroenteritis has not been established. Seroconversion was
214 defined as the appearance of anti-rotavirus IgA antibodies (concentration ≥ 20 U/mL) post-
215 vaccination in the serum of infants previously negative for rotavirus. In two safety and efficacy
216 studies, one to two months after a 2-dose series, 86.5% of 787 recipients of ROTARIX
217 seroconverted compared with 6.7% of 420 placebo recipients and 76.8% of 393 recipients of
218 ROTARIX seroconverted compared with 9.7% of 341 placebo recipients, respectively.

219 **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

220 **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

221 ROTARIX has not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or for
222 impairment of fertility.

223 **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

224 **14.1 Efficacy Studies**

225 The data demonstrating the efficacy of ROTARIX in preventing rotavirus gastroenteritis
226 come from 24,163 infants randomized in two placebo-controlled studies conducted in 17
227 countries in Europe and Latin America. In these studies, oral polio vaccine (OPV) was not
228 coadministered; however, other routine childhood vaccines could be concomitantly administered.
229 Breast-feeding was permitted in both studies.

230 A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study was conducted in 6 European
231 countries. A total of 3,994 infants were enrolled to receive ROTARIX (n = 2,646) or placebo
232 (n = 1,348). Vaccine or placebo was given to healthy infants as a 2-dose series with the first dose
233 administered orally from 6 through 14 weeks of age followed by one additional dose
234 administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose. The 2-dose series was completed by 24 weeks
235 of age. For both vaccination groups, 98.3% of infants were White and 53% were male.

236 The clinical case definition of rotavirus gastroenteritis was an episode of diarrhea
237 (passage of 3 or more loose or watery stools within a day), with or without vomiting, where
238 rotavirus was identified in a stool sample. Severity of gastroenteritis was determined by a clinical
239 scoring system, the Vesikari scale, assessing the duration and intensity of diarrhea and vomiting,
240 the intensity of fever, use of rehydration therapy or hospitalization for each episode. Scores range
241 from 0 to 20, where higher scores indicate greater severity. An episode of gastroenteritis with a
242 score of 11 or greater was considered severe.⁴

243 The primary efficacy endpoint was prevention of any grade of severity rotavirus
244 gastroenteritis caused by naturally occurring rotavirus from 2 weeks after the second dose
245 through one rotavirus season (according to protocol, ATP). Other efficacy evaluations included
246 prevention of severe rotavirus gastroenteritis, as defined by the Vesikari scale, and reductions in
247 hospitalizations due to rotavirus gastroenteritis and all cause gastroenteritis regardless of
248 presumed etiology. Analyses were also done to evaluate the efficacy of ROTARIX against
249 rotavirus gastroenteritis among infants who received at least one vaccination (total vaccinated
250 cohort, TVC).

251 Efficacy of ROTARIX against any grade of severity of rotavirus gastroenteritis through
252 one rotavirus season was 87.1% (95% CI: 79.6, 92.1); TVC efficacy was 87.3% (95% CI: 80.3,
253 92.0). Efficacy against severe rotavirus gastroenteritis through one rotavirus season was 95.8%
254 (95% CI: 89.6, 98.7); TVC efficacy was 96.0% (95% CI: 90.2, 98.8) (Table 4). The protective
255 effect of ROTARIX against any grade of severity of rotavirus gastroenteritis observed
256 immediately following dose 1 administration and prior to dose 2 was 89.8% (95% CI: 8.9, 99.8).

257 Efficacy of ROTARIX in reducing hospitalizations for rotavirus gastroenteritis through

258 one rotavirus season was 100% (95% CI: 81.8, 100); TVC efficacy was 100% (95% CI: 81.7,
 259 100) (Table 4). ROTARIX reduced hospitalizations for all cause gastroenteritis regardless of
 260 presumed etiology by 74.7% (95% CI: 45.5, 88.9).

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262 **Table 4. Efficacy Evaluation of ROTARIX Through One Rotavirus Season**

Infants in Cohort	According to Protocol*		Total Vaccinated Cohort†	
	ROTARIX N = 2,572	Placebo N = 1,302	ROTARIX N = 2,646	Placebo N = 1,348
Gastroenteritis cases				
Any severity	24	94	26	104
Severe‡	5	60	5	64
Efficacy estimate against RV GE				
Any severity (95% CI)	87.1%§ (79.6, 92.1)		87.3%§ (80.3, 92.0)	
Severe‡ (95% CI)	95.8%§ (89.6, 98.7)		96.0%§ (90.2, 98.8)	
Cases of hospitalization due to RV GE	0	12	0	12
Efficacy in reducing hospitalizations due to RV GE (95% CI)	100%§ (81.8, 100)		100%§ (81.7, 100)	

263 RV GE = rotavirus gastroenteritis; CI = Confidence Interval.

264 * ATP analysis includes all infants in the efficacy cohort who received two doses of vaccine
 265 according to randomization.

266 † TVC analysis includes all infants in the efficacy cohort who received at least one dose of
 267 vaccine or placebo.

268 ‡ Severe gastroenteritis defined as ≥ 11 on the Vesikari scale.

269 § Statistically significant vs. placebo ($p < 0.001$).

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271 A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study was conducted in 11 countries in
 272 Latin America and Finland. A total of 63,225 infants received ROTARIX (n = 31,673) or
 273 placebo (n = 31,552). An efficacy subset of these infants consisting of 20,169 infants from Latin
 274 America received ROTARIX (n = 10,159) or placebo (n = 10,010). Vaccine or placebo was
 275 given to healthy infants as a 2-dose series with the first dose administered orally from 6 through
 276 13 weeks of age followed by one additional dose administered at least 4 weeks after the first
 277 dose. The 2-dose series was completed by the age of 24 weeks of age. For both vaccination
 278 groups, the racial distribution of the efficacy subset was as follows: Hispanic 85.8%, White
 279 7.9%, Black 1.1%, and other 5.2%; 51% were male.

280 The clinical case definition of severe rotavirus gastroenteritis was an episode of diarrhea
 281 (passage of 3 or more loose or watery stools within a day), with or without vomiting, where

282 rotavirus was identified in a stool sample, requiring hospitalization and/or rehydration therapy
 283 equivalent to World Health Organization (WHO) plan B (oral rehydration therapy) or plan C
 284 (intravenous rehydration therapy) in a medical facility.

285 The primary efficacy endpoint was prevention of severe rotavirus gastroenteritis caused
 286 by naturally occurring rotavirus from 2 weeks after the second dose through one year (ATP).
 287 Analyses were done to evaluate the efficacy of ROTARIX against severe rotavirus gastroenteritis
 288 among infants who received at least one vaccination (TVC). Reduction in hospitalizations due to
 289 rotavirus gastroenteritis was also evaluated (ATP).

290 Efficacy of ROTARIX against severe rotavirus gastroenteritis through one year was
 291 84.7% (95% CI: 71.7, 92.4); TVC efficacy was 81.1% (95% CI: 68.5, 89.3) (Table 5).

292 Efficacy of ROTARIX in reducing hospitalizations for rotavirus gastroenteritis through
 293 one year was 85.0% (95% CI: 69.6, 93.5); TVC efficacy was 80.8% (95% CI: 65.7, 90.0)
 294 (Table 5).

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Table 5. Efficacy Evaluation of ROTARIX Through One Year

Infants in Cohort	According to Protocol*		Total Vaccinated Cohort†	
	ROTARIX N = 9,009	Placebo N = 8,858	ROTARIX N = 10,159	Placebo N = 10,010
Gastroenteritis cases				
Severe	12	77	18	94
Efficacy estimate against RV GE				
Severe (95% CI)	84.7%‡ (71.7, 92.4)		81.1%‡ (68.5, 89.3)	
Cases of hospitalization due to RV GE	9	59	14	72
Efficacy in reducing hospitalizations due to RV GE (95% CI)	85.0%‡ (69.6, 93.5)		80.8%‡ (65.7, 90.0)	

297 RV GE = rotavirus gastroenteritis; CI = Confidence Interval.

298 * ATP analysis includes all infants in the efficacy cohort who received two doses of vaccine
 299 according to randomization.

300 † TVC analysis includes all infants in the efficacy cohort who received at least one dose of
 301 vaccine or placebo.

302 ‡ Statistically significant vs. placebo (p<0.001).

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304 **14.2 Efficacy Through Two Rotavirus Seasons**

305 The efficacy of ROTARIX persisting through two rotavirus seasons was evaluated in two
 306 studies.

307 In the European study, the efficacy of ROTARIX against any grade of severity of
 308 rotavirus gastroenteritis through two rotavirus seasons was 78.9% (95% CI: 72.7, 83.8). Efficacy

309 in preventing any grade of severity of rotavirus gastroenteritis cases occurring only during the
310 second season post-vaccination was 71.9% (95% CI: 61.2, 79.8). The efficacy of ROTARIX
311 against severe rotavirus gastroenteritis through two rotavirus seasons was 90.4% (95% CI: 85.1,
312 94.1). Efficacy in preventing severe rotavirus gastroenteritis cases occurring only during the
313 second season post-vaccination was 85.6% (95% CI: 75.8, 91.9).

314 The efficacy of ROTARIX in reducing hospitalizations for rotavirus gastroenteritis
315 through two rotavirus seasons was 96.0% (95% CI: 83.8, 99.5).

316 In the Latin American study, the efficacy of ROTARIX against severe rotavirus
317 gastroenteritis through two years was 80.5% (95% CI: 71.3, 87.1). Efficacy in preventing severe
318 rotavirus gastroenteritis cases occurring only during the second year post-vaccination was 79.0%
319 (95% CI: 66.4, 87.4). The efficacy of ROTARIX in reducing hospitalizations for rotavirus
320 gastroenteritis through two years was 83.0% (95% CI: 73.1, 89.7).

321 The efficacy of ROTARIX beyond the second season post-vaccination was not evaluated.

322 **14.3 Efficacy Against Specific Rotavirus Types**

323 The type-specific efficacy against any grade of severity and severe rotavirus
324 gastroenteritis caused by G1P[8], G3P[8], G4P[8], G9P[8], and combined non-G1 (G2, G3, G4,
325 G9) types was statistically significant through one year. Additionally, type-specific efficacy
326 against any grade of severity and severe rotavirus gastroenteritis caused by G1P[8], G2P[4],
327 G3P[8], G4P[8], G9P[8], and combined non-G1 (G2, G3, G4, G9) types was statistically
328 significant through two years (Table 6).

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330 **Table 6. Type-Specific Efficacy of ROTARIX Against Any Grade of Severity and Severe**
 331 **Rotavirus Gastroenteritis (According to Protocol)**

Type Identified*	Through One Rotavirus Season			Through Two Rotavirus Seasons		
	Number of Cases		% Efficacy (95% CI)	Number of Cases		% Efficacy (95% CI)
	ROTARIX N = 2,572	Placebo N = 1,302		ROTARIX N = 2,572	Placebo N = 1,302	
ANY GRADE OF SEVERITY						
G1P[8]	4	46	95.6% [†] (87.9, 98.8)	18	89 ^{‡,§}	89.8% [†] (82.9, 94.2)
G2P[4]	3	4 [‡]	NS	14	17 [‡]	58.3% [†] (10.1, 81.0)
G3P[8]	1	5	89.9% [†] (9.5, 99.8)	3	10	84.8% [†] (41.0, 97.3)
G4P[8]	3	13	88.3% [†] (57.5, 97.9)	6	18	83.1% [†] (55.6, 94.5)
G9P[8]	13	27	75.6% [†] (51.1, 88.5)	38	71 [§]	72.9% [†] (59.3, 82.2)
Combined non-G1 (G2, G3, G4, G9, G12) types	20	49	79.3% [†] (64.6, 88.4)	62	116	72.9% [†] (62.9, 80.5)
SEVERE						
G1P[8]	2	28	96.4% [†] (85.7, 99.6)	4	57	96.4% [†] (90.4, 99.1)
G2P[4]	1	2 [‡]	NS	2	7 [‡]	85.5% [†] (24.0, 98.5)
G3P[8]	0	5	100% [†] (44.8, 100)	1	8	93.7% [†] (52.8, 99.9)
G4P[8]	0	7	100% [†] (64.9, 100)	1	11	95.4% [†] (68.3, 99.9)
G9P[8]	2	19	94.7% [†] (77.9, 99.4)	13	44 [§]	85.0% [†] (71.7, 92.6)
Combined non-G1 (G2, G3, G4, G9, G12) types	3	33	95.4% [†] (85.3, 99.1)	17	70	87.7% [†] (78.9, 93.2)

332 CI = Confidence Interval; NS = Not significant.

333 * Statistical analyses done by G type; if more than one rotavirus type was detected from a rotavirus gastroenteritis
 334 episode, the episode was counted in each of the detected rotavirus type categories.

335 † Statistically significant vs. placebo (p<0.05).

336 ‡ The P genotype was not typeable for one episode.

337 § P[8] genotype was not detected in one episode.

338 || Two cases of G12P[8] were isolated in the second season (one in each group).

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351 **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

352 ROTARIX is available as a vial of lyophilized vaccine, a prefilled oral applicator of
353 liquid diluent (1 mL) with a plunger stopper, and a transfer adapter for reconstitution.

354 Supplied as:

355 NDC 58160-805-11 (package of 10)

356 **16.1 Storage Before Reconstitution**

- 357 • Vials: Store the vials of lyophilized ROTARIX refrigerated at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F).
358 **Protect vials from light.**
- 359 • Diluent: The diluent may be stored at a controlled room temperature 20° to 25°C (68° to
360 77°F). **Do not freeze. Discard if the diluent has been frozen.**

361 **16.2 Storage After Reconstitution**

362 ROTARIX should be administered within 24 hours of reconstitution. It may be stored
363 refrigerated at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) or at room temperature up to 25°C (77°F), after
364 reconstitution. Discard the reconstituted vaccine if not used within 24 hours in biological waste
365 container. **Do not freeze. Discard if the vaccine has been frozen.**

366 **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

367 *See FDA-approved patient labeling (17.2).*

368 **17.1 Patient Advice**

- 369 • Parents or guardians should be informed by the healthcare provider of the potential benefits
370 and risks of immunization with ROTARIX, and of the importance of completing the
371 immunization series.
- 372 • The healthcare provider should inform the parents or guardians about the potential for
373 adverse reactions that have been temporally associated with administration of ROTARIX or
374 other vaccines containing similar components.
- 375 • The parent or guardian accompanying the recipient should be instructed to report any adverse
376 events to their healthcare provider.
- 377 • The parent or guardian should be given the Vaccine Information Statements, which are
378 required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 to be given prior to

379 immunization. These materials are available free of charge at the Centers for Disease Control
380 and Prevention (CDC) website (www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

381 **17.2 FDA-Approved Patient Labeling**

382 Patient labeling is provided as a tear-off leaflet at the end of this full prescribing
383 information.

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PATIENT INFORMATION
ROTARIX[®] (ROW-tah-rix)
Rotavirus Vaccine, Live, Oral

Read this Patient Information carefully before your baby gets ROTARIX and before your baby receives the next dose of ROTARIX. This leaflet is a summary of information about ROTARIX and does not take the place of talking with your baby’s doctor.

What is ROTARIX?

ROTARIX is a vaccine that protects your baby from a kind of virus (called a rotavirus) that can cause bad diarrhea and vomiting. Rotavirus can cause diarrhea and vomiting that is so bad that your baby can lose too much body fluid and need to go to the hospital.

Rotavirus vaccine is a liquid that is given to your baby by mouth. It is not a shot.

Who should not take ROTARIX?

Your baby should not get ROTARIX if a doctor has told you that your baby’s digestive system has a defect (is not normal).

Tell your doctor if your baby:

- Has had an allergic reaction to the last dose of ROTARIX.
- Is allergic to any ingredient of ROTARIX or to latex.
- Has problems with his/her immune system.
- Has cancer.
- Will be in close contact with someone who has problems with his/her immune system or is getting treated for cancer.

If your baby has been having diarrhea and vomiting, your doctor may want to wait before giving your baby a dose of ROTARIX.

Call your child’s doctor right away if your child has vomiting, diarrhea, severe stomach pain, severe crying, blood in their stool or change in his/her bowel movements as these may be signs of a serious problem called intussusception. It is important to contact your doctor if you have questions or if your child has any of these symptoms, even if it has been several weeks since the last vaccine dose.

How is ROTARIX given?

ROTARIX is a liquid that is dropped into your baby’s mouth and swallowed.

434 **Figure 1. Administration of ROTARIX**



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436 Your baby will get the first dose at around 6 weeks old.
437 The second dose will be at least 4 weeks after the first dose (before 6 months old).
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439 Be sure to plan the time for your baby's second dose with the doctor because it is important that
440 your baby gets both doses of ROTARIX before your baby is 6 months old.
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442 The doctor may decide to give your baby shots at the same time as ROTARIX.
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444 Your baby can be fed normally after getting ROTARIX.

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446 **What are possible side effects of ROTARIX?**

447 The most common side effects of ROTARIX are:

- 448 • Crying
- 449 • Fussy
- 450 • Cough
- 451 • Runny nose
- 452 • Fever
- 453 • Loss of appetite
- 454 • Vomiting.

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456 Call your doctor right away or go to the emergency department if your baby has any of these
457 problems after getting ROTARIX because these may be signs of a serious problem:

- 458 • Bad vomiting
- 459 • Bad diarrhea
- 460 • Bloody bowel movement
- 461 • High fever
- 462 • Severe stomach pain (if your baby brings his/her knees to his/her chest while crying or
463 screaming).

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465 Talk to your baby's doctor if your baby has any other problems that concern you.

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467 **What are the ingredients in ROTARIX?**

468 ROTARIX contains weakened human rotavirus.

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470 ROTARIX also contains dextran, sorbitol, xanthan, and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium
471 (DMEM). The ingredients of DMEM are as follows: sodium chloride, potassium chloride,
472 magnesium sulphate, ferric (III) nitrate, sodium phosphate, sodium pyruvate, D-glucose,
473 concentrated vitamin solution, L-cystine, L-tyrosine, amino acids solution, L-glutamine, calcium
474 chloride, sodium hydrogenocarbonate, and phenol red. ROTARIX contains no preservatives.

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476 The dropper used to give your baby ROTARIX contains latex.

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