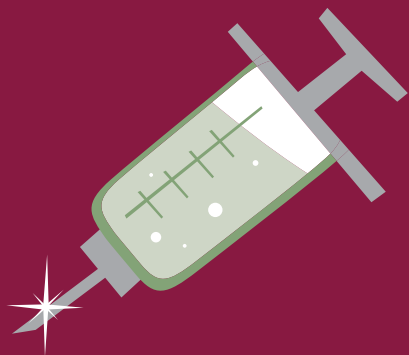




Immunization is good for your baby and good for you too. Adults need protection against some diseases and illnesses too – like the Flu. Even though you may be scared of needles, it's only a little pinch and you and your baby will be protected against diseases that can make you very sick.



Immunization Schedule

Age	Vaccinations
Newborn	BCG
2 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, PCV
4 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, PCV
6 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, PCV
12 months	MMR, Men-C
15 months	PCV, Varicella
18 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, MMR

Definitions

BCG: protects against tuberculosis – recommended for newborns living or travelling to reserves.

DTaP: protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough

Hib: protects against Haemophilus influenza – serious ear & throat

Men-C: protects against meningitis a serious brain infection

MMR: protects against measles, mumps and German measles

PCV: protects against pneumococcal lung infections

Polio: protects against polio

Varicella: protects against chickenpox



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What is an immunization card?

An immunization card is a written record of the vaccinations (needles) your baby gets. Your doctor or nurse will fill it out for you so you have a record of all the vaccinations. You will need this to register your child for day care or school.

Keep your child's vaccination card in a safe place so that you know when to take your baby to the health centre for his next set of vaccinations.

Most vaccinations
are **FREE**.

If your child is *immunized against a disease*, she won't get it.



What is it?

Immunization is a safe way to prevent children and adults from developing or catching serious illnesses and diseases. A doctor or nurse will give your baby a vaccine to help her body fight off getting sick.

What is a vaccine?

A vaccine is a medicine given by a needle. The vaccine is a part of the bacteria that causes a disease and it is very weak. Each vaccine prevents one type of disease or illness, so your baby will need to sometimes have more than one needle.

Why is it so important?

Because immunization protects your child from developing certain diseases now and when he grows up.

Protect your baby.

Chicken Pox, Flu, Hepatitis B, Lockjaw, Measles, Mumps, Whooping Cough and many more illnesses and diseases.

How immunization works.

1. A baby is given a vaccine for a disease (like polio).
2. Her body fights against the vaccine.
3. Because the vaccine is very weak, your baby's body stays healthy and learns how to stop the disease.
4. If your child comes into contact with the disease, her body will fight against it and not get sick.

