

IMMUNISATION

COMMON OBSERVED REACTIONS TO VACCINES AND WHAT TO DO

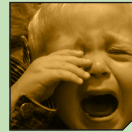
ALL VACCINE NEEDLES (INJECTIONS) MAY CAUSE THE FOLLOWING REACTIONS:



Mild fever
<38.5
short
lasting



Where the needle was given:
Sore, red, burning, itching or
swelling for 1-2 days and/or small,
hard lump for a few weeks



Grizzly,
unsettled and
unhappy



SOME VACCINE NEEDLES (INJECTIONS) MAY CAUSE ADDITIONAL REACTIONS:

DTPa-Hib-Hep B-Polio vaccine:
diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-
hepatitis B-polio-haemophilus
influenzae B



Not hungry

Given

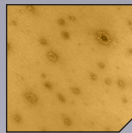
Pneumococcal vaccine



Sleepy

Given

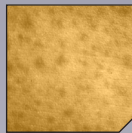
Varicella zoster vaccine:
varicella/chicken pox
After 5-26 days



Mild rash where needle given; may
spread to other parts of the body
(not infectious)

Given

MMR vaccine:
measles-mumps-rubella
After 5-12 days



Light rash (not infectious)

Given

Meningococcal C vaccine



Headache



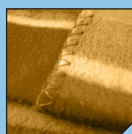
Not hungry

Given

WHAT TO DO AT HOME:



Give paracetamol (follow
directions on the pack) if hot,
grizzly or for sore injection site



Do not put on
lots of clothes
or blankets if
hot



Give
extra
fluids



Put a cold wet
cloth on the
injection site if
it is sore

SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IF:



Paracetamol is needed
for more than 1 or 2
days



Side effects are bad and not
going away. Or, if you are
worried at all

Your doctor may need to treat, record and report the reaction

COMMONLY OBSERVED ADVERSE EVENTS (CONDITIONS) FOLLOWING SPECIFIC VACCINES USED IN THE NATIONAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

**NOTE TO GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND IMMUNISATION PROVIDERS
PLEASE INDICATE THE VACCINE THAT HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED**

<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> VZV (varicella/chicken pox)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever) <p>Seen 5-26 days after vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pustular rash (2-5 lesions) usually at injection site which occasionally covers other parts of the body (NB: This rash is not contagious) 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> MMR (measles/mumps/rubella)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) <p>Seen 7 to 10 days after vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low grade temperature (fever) lasting 2-3 days, faint red rash (not infectious), head cold and/or runny nose, cough and/or puffy eyes Drowsiness or tiredness Swelling of salivary glands 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> MenCCV (meningococcal C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irritable, crying, unsettled and generally unhappy Loss of appetite Headache (usually observed in adolescent/adults) Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever)
<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> DTPa-containing vaccines & dTpa (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irritable, crying, unsettled and generally unhappy Drowsiness or tiredness Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever) 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drowsiness or tiredness Muscle aches Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever) 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> IPV & IPV-containing vaccines (polio)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muscle aches Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever)
<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> HepB (hepatitis B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever) 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> Hib (haemophilus influenzae)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever) 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> 23vPPV & 7vPCV (pneumococcal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever)
<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> Human papillomavirus (HPV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Low grade temperature (fever) Mild nausea Mild headache 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3 in 100 recipients may develop vomiting and diarrhoea up to 7 days after vaccination 	<p>Given <input type="checkbox"/> dT (ADT) (diphtheria/tetanus)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site Occasionally injection site nodule – may last many weeks (no treatment needed) Low grade temperature (fever)