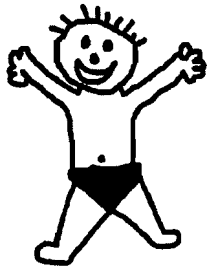

Immunizations for Babies

A Guide for Parents

These are the vaccinations your baby needs!

At birth	**HepB**
2 months	**HepB** 1–2 mos[1] + **DTaP** + **PCV** + **Hib** + **Polio** + **RV**
4 months	**HepB**[2] + **DTaP** + **PCV** + **Hib** + **Polio** + **RV**
6 months	**HepB** 6–18 mos[1] + **DTaP** + **PCV** + **Hib**[3] + **Polio** 6–18 mos[1] + **RV**[4] + **Influenza**[5]
12 months or older	**MMR** 12–15 mos[1] + **DTaP** 15–18 mos[1] + **PCV** 12–15 mos[1] + **Hib** 12–15 mos[1] + **Chickenpox** 12–15 mos[1] + **HepA**[6] 12–23 mos[1] + **Influenza**[5]

Check with your doctor or nurse to make sure your baby is receiving all vaccinations on schedule. Many times vaccines are combined to reduce the number of injections. Be sure you ask for a record card with the dates of your baby's vaccinations; bring this with you to every visit.

Here's a list of the diseases your baby will be protected against:

HepB: hepatitis B, a serious liver disease

DTaP: diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), and pertussis (whooping cough)

PCV: pneumococcal conjugate vaccine protects against a serious blood, lung, and brain infection

Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, a serious brain, throat, and blood infection

Polio: polio, a serious paralyzing disease

RV: rotavirus infection, a serious diarrheal disease

Influenza: a serious lung infection

MMR: measles, mumps, and rubella

HepA: hepatitis A, a serious liver disease

Chickenpox: also called varicella

Footnotes to above chart:

1. This is the age range in which this vaccine should be given.
2. Your baby may not need a dose of Hep B vaccine at age 4 months, depending on the vaccine used. Check with your doctor or nurse.
3. Your baby may not need a dose of Hib vaccine at age 6 months, depending on the vaccine used. Check with your doctor or nurse.
4. Your baby may not need a dose of RV vaccine at age 6 months, depending on the vaccine used. Check with your doctor or nurse.
5. All children who are 6 months of age or older should be vaccinated against influenza in the fall or winter of each year.
6. Your child will need 2 doses of HepA vaccine, given at least 6 months apart.

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