



Possible Reactions to Immunizations

Most children show no reaction to their shots. However, it is not uncommon for some children to have mild reactions to immunizations, usually lasting 2-3 days.

- Tdap, DTaP, IPV, HIB, HEPATITIS B, PCV 7 – fever, redness or swelling at the injection site.
- MMR—Stings when given; reaction may be delayed 7-10 days and may consist of upper respiratory symptoms, fever, faint rash lasting 2-3 days.
- HEPATITIS A—soreness at the injection site, headache.
- VARICELLA—redness or soreness at the injection site, fever, may develop rash up to one month after the immunization.
- ROTAVIRUS —mild temporary vomiting or diarrhea.
- MENINGOCOCCAL, FLU—soreness at the injection site, redness, fever, headache.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Plan to spend more time with your child, loving, holding or rocking him or her.

For fever you can give Acetaminophen (Tylenol or other brands-generic is fine) every four hours, and/or a tepid (luke warm) bath. Dress your child in light-weight clothing and offer plenty of liquids.

For a swollen injection site, apply a warm wet washcloth to the area for 10 to 15 minutes 2-3 times a day.

WHEN TO CALL US:

If redness, swelling or fever lasts longer than 72 hours.

If redness or swelling at the injection site gets worse after 3 days.

If your child seems difficult to arouse or out of it when you would expect him or her to be awake.

If your child cries and cannot be consoled.

If your infant is less than 3 months old and has a temperature of 100.4°F or more.

If your child is 3 months or older and has a temperature over 102°F for over 24 hours or 101°F for over 48 hours.

If your child develops vomiting or diarrhea or other symptoms you were not expecting.

WE ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AND A DOCTOR IS AVAILABLE AFTER HOURS BY CALLING OUR OFFICE PHONE NUMBER.

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