

# Is your baby due their MenB vaccine?

## Please ask your pharmacist about paracetamol for your baby



Babies born on or after 1 May 2015 are now offered the MenB vaccine along with their routine immunisations.

Fever can be expected after any vaccine, but is more common when the MenB vaccine is given with the other routine immunisations at 2 and 4 months of age. This is why it is recommended that your baby gets infant paracetamol when getting these immunisations to prevent and treat fever. **Ask your pharmacist for infant paracetamol for the MenB vaccine. Please bring along your baby's 'red book'.**

In remote and rural areas, paracetamol may be available at your GP practice.

Your baby should have a total of three doses of infant paracetamol around the time of each of their first two MenB immunisations. The doses must be spaced out as follows:

Age of baby	Dose 1 paracetamol	Dose 2 paracetamol	Dose 3 paracetamol
2 to 4 months	One 2.5 ml (60 mg) dose to be given just before or just after their immunisations	One 2.5 ml (60 mg) dose 4–6 hours after dose 1	One 2.5 ml (60 mg) dose 4–6 hours after dose 2

The first dose of infant paracetamol should be given just before or just after the routine immunisations. You may already have infant paracetamol at home. If you don't, you can get the paracetamol from your pharmacist before your baby's immunisations are due.

**For more information on paracetamol and the MenB vaccine, please visit:**  
[www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/menb](http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/menb)

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**Common side effects**

Most vaccine side effects are on the site where the vaccine was given. These include:

- soreness
- a small, hard lump

These side effects usually go away within a couple of days and you don't need to do anything about them. Sometimes children may become a little more irritable than usual.

**After immunisation with meningococcal vaccine**

Because the vaccine is given by mouth (orally), the vaccine is absorbed into your baby's gut and then enters the bloodstream. It may cause some mild side effects in your baby, such as:

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