



# Immunizations for Babies...

## A Guide for Parents

These are the vaccinations your baby needs!

<b>At birth</b>	<b>HepB</b>
<b>2 months</b>	<b>HepB</b> + <b>DTaP</b> + <b>PCV</b> + <b>Hib</b> + <b>Polio</b> 1–4 mos <sup>1</sup>
<b>4 months</b>	<b>HepB<sup>2</sup></b> + <b>DTaP</b> + <b>PCV</b> + <b>Hib</b> + <b>Polio</b>
<b>6 months</b>	<b>HepB</b> + <b>DTaP</b> + <b>PCV</b> + <b>Hib<sup>3</sup></b> + <b>Polio</b> + <b>Influenza</b> 6–18 mos <sup>1,2</sup> 6–18 mos <sup>1</sup> 6–23 mos <sup>4</sup>
<b>12 months or older</b>	<b>MMR</b> + <b>DTaP</b> + <b>PCV</b> + <b>Hib</b> + <b>Chickenpox</b> + <b>Influenza</b> 12–15 mos <sup>1</sup> 15–18 mos <sup>1,5</sup> 12–15 mos <sup>1</sup> 12–15 mos <sup>1</sup> 12–18 mos <sup>1</sup> 6–23 mos <sup>4</sup>

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 shots; 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)

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

**Polio:** polio, a serious paralyzing disease

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

**Influenza:** a serious lung infection

**MMR:** measles, mumps, and rubella

**Chickenpox:** also called varicella

Footnotes to above chart (for use by healthcare professionals):

1. This is the age range in which this vaccine should be given.
2. All babies should receive a total of at least 3 doses of HepB vaccine. Babies may receive up to 4 doses when given HepB vaccine at birth followed by combination vaccines containing HepB. The last dose of HepB vaccine should not be given before 24 weeks of age.
3. Depending on the brand of Hib vaccine used for the 1st and 2nd doses, a dose at 6 months of age may not be needed.
4. All children between the ages of 6 and 23 months should receive vaccination for influenza in the fall of each year. First-time vaccinees should receive 2 doses, separated by at least 4 weeks. Children 2 years of age and older with certain medical conditions should be vaccinated every year.
5. DTaP may be given as early as 12 months if it has been 6 months since the previous dose and if the child might not return by 18 months of age.