

Health & Immunisation Management Services



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Vaccine Safety Information

Ticked boxes indicate vaccines given today ____/____/____

Most vaccines can cause the following common reactions:

Common reactions

- Any injection can cause soreness, redness, itching, swelling or burning at the injection site for 1-2 days
- A fever (temperature) can occur after receiving all vaccines
- A small hard lump may appear where the injection was given and persist for some weeks or months
- Fainting may occur but this is seen mainly in adolescents and adults

Other reactions can include

Diphtheria / tetanus / pertussis (whooping cough) containing vaccines

- Common reactions as listed above
- Drowsiness or tiredness
- Nausea, feeling unwell and joint pain

Hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine:

- Common reactions as listed above
- Nausea, feeling unwell and joint pain
- Headache
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Influenza

- Common reactions as listed above
- Drowsiness, tired or feeling unwell and muscle aches

Inactivated Polio

- Common reactions as listed above

Hepatitis A

- ▣ Common reactions listed above
- ▣ Nausea, feeling unwell, joint and / or muscle pain

Management of common reactions

- Paracetamol may also be given for fever (very hot :over 38.5 degrees)
- Drink extra fluids
- Anyone who complains of 'giddiness' or light-headedness before or after vaccination should be advised to lie down until free of symptoms. If symptoms continue seek advice from your GP or
- Healthdirect Australia- 1800022222

Any signs of severe allergic reaction should be reported to Health Centre urgently. These include a rash and problems with breathing and usually commence shortly after the immunisation. If the vaccination was the first time you have been immunised with any or all of the vaccines you should stay with the nurse for at least 15 minutes after the vaccination. It is important for you to wait for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccines so you may be observed for any reactions. It is also recommended that you do not drive or operate heavy machinery for 30 minutes after receiving a vaccine.