

Tdap Vaccine

Combined Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Vaccine



Vaccination is good protection



This vaccine protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, and their complications.

DISEASES

Tetanus	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough
<p>Tetanus causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaw spasms Vocal chord spasms Full-body muscle spasms 	<p>Diphtheria causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe sore throat High fever Respiratory and heart problems 	<p>Whooping cough causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent coughing fits that may persist for months Difficulty eating, drinking, and breathing
<p>Possible complications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death (10% of cases) 	<p>Possible complications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paralysis Death (5-10% of cases) 	<p>Possible complications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pneumonia Convulsions Brain damage (1 case per 11,000) Death (0.4% among infants)

VACCINE

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, and their complications. This vaccine is given to individuals aged 7 or over who need protection against these three diseases. For adolescents and certain adults who have received a diphtheria and tetanus vaccine within the last 5 years, administering the Tdap vaccine is justified to protect them against whooping cough, despite the possible increased risk of side effects.

The combined diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccine is safe. Most reactions are harmless and do not last long. Symptoms experienced after vaccination are not necessarily caused by the vaccine.

REACTIONS

Possible reactions to the vaccine:	What to do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain (50% or more), swelling and redness (10-49%) at the injection site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply a cold, damp compress to the injection site Take acetaminophen or ibuprofen for temperature of 38.5°C or higher See a doctor if symptoms are severe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small bump persisting a few weeks at the injection site (1 to 9 per 1,000) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (1-9%) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sterile abscess at the injection site (1 to 9 per 100,000) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fatigue and headache (50% or more), malaise, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea, chills (10-49%) and vomiting (1-9%) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe pain and weakness in the arm for several weeks (1 to 9 per 100,000) 	

As with any drug or biological product, an allergic reaction may occur. If a severe allergic reaction occurs, it begins within minutes and the person administering the vaccine will be able to treat it. That is why you are advised to remain at the clinic for at least 15 minutes after the vaccine is administered.

If you have any questions, ask the person administering the vaccine or contact Info-Santé (8-1-1) or your doctor.

