

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) Conjugate Vaccine



Vaccination is good protection



This vaccine protects you against severe *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) infections and their complications.

DISEASE

Severe Hib infections cause:

- Epiglottitis (severe swelling of the throat)
- Pneumonia
- Meningitis

Possible complications:

- Deafness
- Mental retardation
- Death (5% of meningitis cases)

VACCINE

Vaccination is the best way to protect against severe *Haemophilus influenzae* type b infections and their complications. The vaccine is given to children under 5, usually combined with diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio vaccines. It is also administered to people of all ages with a medical condition that increases their risk of severe Hib infections.

The *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine is safe. In most cases, there are no unpleasant reactions. Symptoms experienced after vaccination are not necessarily caused by the vaccine.

REACTIONS

Possible reactions to the vaccine:

- Swelling, redness or pain at the injection site (10-49%)
- Children running a fever (1-9%)

What to do:

- Apply a cold, damp compress to the injection site
- Take acetaminophen or ibuprofen for temperature of 38.5°C or higher

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.

