



QUESTIONS

Q & A

FOR PARENTS ANSWERS

HIB VACCINE

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What diseases are caused by Haemophilus Influenza type b ?

- ✦ Haemophilus influenzae type b can cause mild infections such as ear infections or severe infections, such as pneumonia, infections of the bloodstream and meningitis, which, may result in brain damage and deafness.
- ✦ Children under 5 years of age are usually involved, but older children and adults, with certain medical conditions may also be affected.
- ✦ Before the introduction of this vaccine in the national immunization schedule, Hib was the commonest cause of meningitis.
- ✦ Hib vaccine can prevent infections caused by Haemophilus influenzae type b.

What is the schedule of this vaccine?

- ✦ This vaccine is administered in 3 doses in the 1st year of life at 6-10-14 weeks and a booster dose is administered at 16-18 months.
- ✦ Hib vaccine is usually administered in combination with DPT, Hepatitis B Vaccine and Inactivated Polio Vaccine.

How safe is this vaccine?

This is a safe vaccine with some fever, pain, redness and swelling rarely reported at the site of the vaccination.

Who should receive this vaccine?

All infants should receive this vaccine.

Who should not receive this vaccine?

Any infant who has developed a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the vaccine or has known allergy to any component of the vaccine.

For more information, please contact your doctor.

