

**Health Care Education
Vaccines (Immunizations) for children**



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And when I am sick, then He heals me. - - - Al Quran – Ash-Shuraa, Verse 26:80

*The Prophet SAWS said: “Allah SWT has not created any disease without also creating a cure for it...”
(Agreed upon)*

BCG Vaccine

What is BCG?

Bacille Calmette Guerin (BCG) is the most widely used vaccination in the world. BCG is made of a live, weakened strain of *Mycobacterium bovis*, (a cousin of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the TB bacteria). It was developed in the 1930's and it remains the only vaccination available against tuberculosis today.

Are there any side effects after administering the vaccination?

Usually there will be no fever or pain after vaccination. This vaccine is always given on the left shoulder. About 1.5 months after vaccination there will be a small painless nodule (like a boil) and will persist for approximately 1 month. The appearance of a nodule is an indication of a good response to the vaccine. Usually this nodule will diminish in some 1 month and a small scar

will be left. Doctors advise against applying any ointment to the boil.

What should one do if the vaccine does not produce a nodule?

If there is no swelling followed by nodule formation for 2-3 months after vaccination - please consult your pediatrician.

How many times is the vaccine administered?

Normally this vaccine is given only once in a lifetime. In some cases, the pediatrician may advise a person to get another test done. If the test result is negative, he/she may consider re-vaccination with BCG.

What happens if a person misses the vaccination right after birth?

One must get the vaccination as soon as possible.