

**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)*

Chickenpox Vaccine

What is Chickenpox?

Chickenpox is a viral infection and is highly communicable. Out of all the communicable diseases this is the most communicable. The virus is known as Varicella Zoster. This infection may occur at any age but is more common in childhood.

How is the severity of Chickenpox related to age of onset?

Generally speaking one may understand that as age advances the severity of the illness keeps increasing. In younger children it may usually be mild and may turn out to be severe and even life threatening in older children and adults.

What are the symptoms?

- Usually there would be several pearly white water filled boils on the body with itching associated - these boils spread very rapidly and may soon cover the entire body. Boils

on the tongue, throat, penis and anus may make the child miserable.

- Varicella pneumonia can be lethal.
- Spread to the brain may lead to encephalitis (unconsciousness, fits, paralysis.)
- Later on in adult life or old age, whenever the body’s immunity is low - it may spring up as Varicella Zoster and involve the eyes and may cause very painful Herpes.

When should the vaccination be administered?

From 1 year age to 13 year age - only 1 dose and if taken after 13 years of age - 2 doses separated 6-12 months apart.

This vaccine is given subcutaneously (under the skin).

What are the side effects of the Chickenpox vaccine?

There are no side effects to the vaccination.