

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)*

DPT Vaccine

What is DPT Vaccine?

D = Diphtheria
P = Pertussis Whooping Cough
T = Tetanus

This vaccine protects your child against the above three dangerous and potentially life threatening illnesses.

The DPT vaccine is also known by the name “Triple Vaccine”.

When is the DPT vaccine administered?

The first dose is given at the age on 1.5 months and then two more doses at monthly intervals are given. The fourth dose is given at 1.5 years of age as a booster. The vaccine is given at the buttock of the child - however many Pediatricians choose to give it at the thigh also. The thigh site tends to cause less pain and the vaccine is somewhat more effective at this site.

What are the side effects of this vaccination?

After administration, the child usually develops a fever. In some children it may cause some irritability and crankiness. These symptoms usually last for 12 - 24 hours. Some children may develop a small, painless nodule (swelling under the skin) that may last a few days or weeks. The child should not be allowed to touch or break open the nodule. (Paracetamol is usually prescribed for fever, and for the swelling an ice pack can be placed to reduce swelling at the injection site.

In case a child has a neurological problem that involves convulsions (seizures / unconsciousness) or other illnesses, one must inform the Pediatrician before he/she administers the vaccine.

In rare instances this vaccine may cause convulsions, collapse, prolonged high fever, blueness or whiteness of the skin. In these instances the Pediatrician may advise one NOT to take DPT on the next date and take DT instead.