

Common Side Effects for Vaccinations given at 12 Months

Many vaccine injections may cause soreness, redness, itching, swelling or burning at the injection site for 1 to 2 days. Paracetamol may be given to ease the discomfort. Sometimes a small, hard lump may last for some weeks or months where the injection was given. This should not be of concern and requires no treatment.

If a fever develops following vaccination, give extra fluids and do not overdress your infant or child. Paracetamol may be required if your infant or child has a high fever following vaccination. Follow the paracetamol product instructions for the correct dosage for your child. If you are unsure seek advice from your pharmacy, doctor or immunisation clinic.

All the common side effects following vaccination are usually mild and short lasting and treatment is not usually required. However, if you are worried about your child's condition or if the symptoms are severe or persistent see your doctor or immunisation clinic as soon as possible or go to a hospital.

Vaccination

Possible Common Side Effects

Your child may or may not experience one or more of these side effects but is very unlikely to experience all of the side effects mentioned

MMRII[®] or Priorix[®]

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)

7 to 10 days after vaccination

Your child may experience a temperature (fever can be up to 39.4°C) lasting 2 to 3 days, a faint red rash (not infectious), head cold and/or runny nose, cough and/or puffy eyes, drowsiness or tiredness, swelling of salivary glands.



Temperature
Fever can be up to 39.4°C



Drowsiness or tiredness



Puffy eyes



Faint red rash not infectious



Swelling of salivary glands



Low grade fever



Irritable, Crying, Unsettled and generally unhappy



Loss of appetite



Headache (usually observed in adults/adolescents)

Menitorix[®]

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)/Meningococcal C



Additional scheduled vaccines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children



Hepatitis A vaccine Dose 1



Low grade fever



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