

# Common Side Effects for Vaccinations given at 18 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

### Priorix Tetra<sup>®</sup> or ProQuad<sup>®</sup>

Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (MMRV) MMRV vaccine is to be given **ONLY** as the second dose of MMR in children under 4 years of age.

**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.

### Varicella component

**5 to 26 days after vaccination:** a mild chickenpox-like rash (2 to 5 lesions) may occur. The rash is usually around the injection site but may also occur on other parts of the body. If a rash occurs good hygiene is important. Wash your hands thoroughly after caring for rash and/or disposing of soiled material.

### Infanrix<sup>®</sup>

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP) given at 18 months (children with a DOB from 01/10/2014)



Rash



Temperature  
Fever can be up to  
39.4°C



Drowsiness or  
tiredness



Puffy eyes



Swelling of salivary  
glands



Low grade fever



Irritable, Crying,  
Unsettled and  
generally unhappy



Drowsiness or  
tiredness



## Additional scheduled vaccines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children



### Hepatitis A vaccine Dose 2

### Prevenar 13 Dose 4 *Pneumococcal vaccine*



Low grade fever