

Immunisation



Vaccination or immunisation (in the form of injection or oral drops) protects children from diseases like measles, polio, tetanus and tuberculosis. immunisation is a free service provided by the government to all children.

Immunisation Schedule	
At Birth (within 24 hours)	BCG; Oral polio
6 weeks	DPT; Oral polio
10 weeks	DPT; Oral polio
14 weeks	DPT; Oral polio
9-12 months	Measles; Vitamin A
16-24 months	DPT; Oral polio (Booster doses) Vitamin A
24 months to 60 months one dose every 6 months (7 doses in all)	Vitamin A
5 years	DT
10 years	П
16 years	π

For Immunisation to be effective, the vaccine must be given at the right age in the right dosage with the right interval between doses.

It is also necessary to give the full course of Immunisation to protect a child.

Village Health and Nutrition Day



The ASHA will tell parents when Immunisation is due, and escort the mother and baby to the Village Health and Nutrition Day.

The Village Health and Nutrition Day is the day when the ANM visits the Anganwadi and gives not only Immunisation but a number of other services.

The various services available at the Village Health and Nutrition Day include:

- Immunisation to children
- Ante-natal care to pregnant women
- Counselling and contraceptive services to eligible couples
- Basic level of curative care for minor illnesses with referral where needed
- Health communication on a number of key health issues



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Every time a child is taken for Immunisation, the parents must carry the child's Immunisation card and make sure it is updated. The ASHA too can help update this card.



Vaccines can be given even when the child is suffering from mild illnesses like a cold, cough or fever.



After Immunisation if a child has any of the following symptoms, parents should refer her to a PHC/FRU:

- Child continues crying for more than three hours.
- Child is drowsy, convulsing or unconscious.
- Child has high-grade fever.

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