

- Post Vaccination Parent Advice Sheet -

The following information can be photocopied and given to parents as post-vaccination advice. Any injection may result in soreness, redness, itching, swelling or burning at an injection site for 1-2 days. Sometimes a small hard lump may persist for some weeks or more. This is no cause for concern.

Common adverse events following immunisation and what to do about them:

Common adverse events following DTP containing vaccines	Common adverse events following MMR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually mild and transient • Within 24 hours • Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site • Low grade temperature (fever) • Being grizzly, unsettled and generally unhappy – may persist for 24 – 48 hours • Drowsiness <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give extra fluids to drink • Do not overdress the baby if hot • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discomfort at injection site • Usually mild and transient <p>The following may occur 5-12 days after vaccination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low grade temperature (fever) • Faint rash (not infectious) • Head cold and/or runny nose • Cough and/or puffy eyes • Swelling of salivary glands <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give extra fluids to drink • Do not overdress the baby if hot • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed
Common adverse events following Hib vaccine	Common adverse events following Td
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually mild and transient • Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site • Low grade temperature (fever) <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give extra fluids to drink • Do not overdress the baby if hot • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually mild and transient • Localised pain, redness and swelling at injection site <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed
Common adverse events following OPV	Common adverse events following influenza vaccine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very rarely any adverse event • Occasionally, diarrhoea <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No treatment is usually needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually mild and transient • Low grade temperature (fever) • Occasional discomfort, redness and swelling at injection site <p>What to do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed
Common adverse events following hepatitis B vaccine	Common adverse events following pneumococcal vaccine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very occasionally soreness, redness at the injection site • Low grade fever <p>What to do if fever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give extra fluids to drink • Do not overdress the baby if hot <p>What to do if discomfort at injection site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain at vaccination site • Low grade fever <p>What to do if fever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give extra fluids to drink <p>What to do if discomfort at injection site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give paracetamol to lower fever if needed

If adverse events following immunisation are severe and persistent or if you are worried about your child contact your doctor or hospital.