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Health Protection

Advice on giving infant paracetamol after MenB vaccination

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Presenting a high temperature after vaccination
Some babies may get a raised temperature or fever (over 38°C) after having their vaccination. This is more common after the MenB vaccine. To help prevent this it is recommended that babies are given three doses of infant paracetamol after the MenB vaccine at one and four months of age for all three months for those babies getting the updated vaccination in September. Giving paracetamol will reduce the risk of fever, irritability and general discomfort associated with the side of the reaction after the MenB vaccine. **It is important to make sure you have some infant paracetamol at home before your baby has his/her first vaccine. If you haven't got any, then you can get some on your way home.**

How much should I give?
Each dose is 2.5ml. The bottle you buy should have either a syringe or spoon for measuring the dose correctly (see below).

When can I get infant paracetamol doses?
Paracetamol liquid is very widely available from chemists and supermarkets. You can buy an

Storage and timing of infant paracetamol suspension (Orlaam/Sim) for use after vaccination at one and four months for all three months for those babies getting the catch-up vaccination in September.

Age of baby	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3
2 months to 4 months	One 2.5 ml by syringe or spoon (total weight as given as possible after vaccination)	One 2.5 ml by syringe or spoon (total weight) 4-6 hours after first dose	One 2.5 ml by syringe or spoon (total weight) 4-6 hours after second dose

It's important that your baby has the recommended three doses of paracetamol after each of the two MenB vaccinations to reduce the chances of fever.
If you buy liquid or chewable tablets for paracetamol rather than a sachet of paracetamol, then you can give the same amount of paracetamol liquid strength weight.

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This factsheet offers advice on giving infant paracetamol after the meningitis B vaccination that is offered to infants aged two months and four months.

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