

AN IMMUNISED CHILD IS A HEALTHY AND PROTECTED CHILD !



Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), PAWC

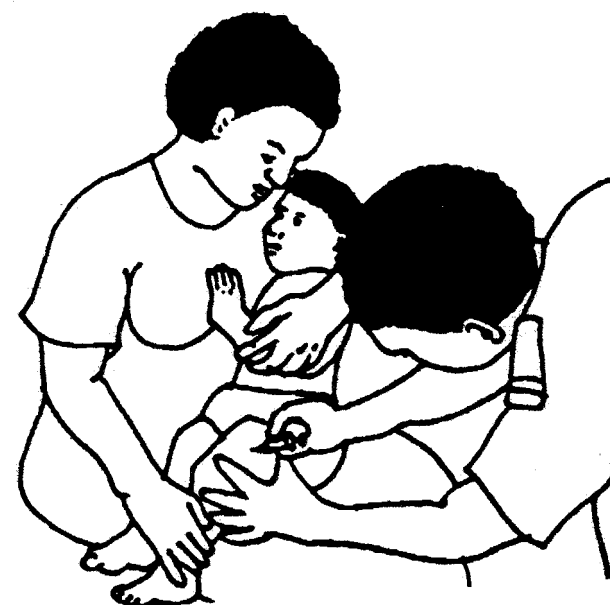
Did you know.....

- ☞ Smallpox was the first infectious disease to be globally eradicated through immunisation in 1979.
- ☞ The World Health Organisation (WHO) set a goal to eradicate polio worldwide by the year 2005.
- ☞ In South Africa, the last case of polio was reported in 1989.
- ☞ All cases of sudden weakness/lameness/paralysis (not caused by injury) of the arm(s) and/or leg(s), in a child under 15 years must be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the nearest clinic, hospital or doctor for investigation.

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Information on the
immunisation schedule
for all parents in South Africa

IMMUNISATION:

the effective, safe and free way to protect my child against disease

☞ Immunisations are very effective in preventing the following serious diseases:

- Polio (or infant paralysis)
- Measles
- Hepatitis B
- Whooping cough
- Tetanus (or lock jaw)
- Diphtheria, and
- Some forms of Tuberculosis
- Meningitis caused by *Haemophilus influenzae*.

☞ Immunisations are safe. Although occasional side-effects following immunisations do occur, they are usually mild and clear up quickly. Should you be concerned, please contact your clinic nurse for advice.

☞ Immunisations are free. All vaccines listed in the table can be obtained free of charge at your local clinic.

☞ For life long protection it is important to complete the full course of immunisations as described in the table.

Be sure to take your child to your nearest clinic!

When to immunise your child.



Age of Child	Which Vaccine?	How and where is it given?
At birth	BCG (vaccine against tuberculosis) Polio vaccine	Vaccination in upper Right arm Drops by mouth
6 weeks old	Polio vaccine DTP* vaccine Hib† vaccine Hepatitis B vaccine	Drops by mouth Injection in Left thigh Injection in Left thigh Injection in Right thigh
10 weeks old	Polio vaccine DTP* vaccine Hib† vaccine Hepatitis B vaccine	Drops by mouth Injection in Left thigh Injection in Left thigh Injection in Right thigh
14 weeks old	Polio vaccine DTP* vaccine Hib† vaccine Hepatitis B vaccine	Drops by mouth Injection in Left thigh Injection in Left thigh Injection in Right thigh
9 months old	Measles vaccine	Injection in Right thigh
18 months old	Polio vaccine DTP* vaccine Measles vaccine	Drops by mouth Injection in Left arm Injection in Right arm
5 years old	Polio vaccine DT** vaccine	Drops by mouth Injection in Left arm
DTP* = vaccine against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus (lock-jaw) DT** = vaccine against diphtheria and tetanus only Hib† = vaccine against <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b		



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