



QUESTIONS

**Q & A**  
FOR PARENTS ANSWERS

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**HIB VACCINE**

#### What diseases are caused by Haemophilus Influenza type b ?

- ✦ Haemophilus influenzae type b can cause mild infections such as ear infections or severe infections, such as pneumonia, infections of the bloodstream and meningitis, which, may result in brain damage and deafness.
- ✦ Children under 5 years of age are usually involved, but older children and adults, with certain medical conditions may also be affected.
- ✦ Before the introduction of this vaccine in the national immunization schedule, Hib was the commonest cause of meningitis.
- ✦ Hib vaccine can prevent infections caused by Haemophilus influenzae type b.

#### What is the schedule of this vaccine?

- ✦ This vaccine is administered in 3 doses in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of life at 6-10-14 weeks and a booster dose is administered at 16-18 months.
- ✦ Hib vaccine is usually administered in combination with DPT, Hepatitis B Vaccine and Inactivated Polio Vaccine.

#### How safe is this vaccine?

This is a safe vaccine with some fever, pain, redness and swelling rarely reported at the site of the vaccination.

#### Who should receive this vaccine?

All infants should receive this vaccine.

#### Who should not receive this vaccine?

Any infant who has developed a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the vaccine or has known allergy to any component of the vaccine.

**For more information, please contact your doctor.**

