

HAHB Vaccine

Combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccine

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Vaccination,
the best protection

By having your child vaccinated, you are protecting him or her against hepatitis A, hepatitis B and their complications.



| Diseases | Signs and symptoms | Possible complications |
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| Hepatitis A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The majority of children less than 5 years old have no symptoms• When symptoms occur, they are the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fever- Fatigue- Loss of appetite- Jaundice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fatigue lasting several weeks• Serious liver damage• Death (very rarely in children) |
| Hepatitis B | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever• Abdominal pain• Jaundice• Vomiting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serious liver damage• A chronic liver infection (10% of adults and up to 90% of babies)• Cirrhosis• Cancer of the liver• Death (1% of cases) |

IMPORTANT

It's up to you to make an appointment with the CLSC or with your doctor to have your child vaccinated.

Next appointment
for vaccination:

Information on the HAHB Vaccine

Vaccination is the best protection against hepatitis A and B and their complications. Several doses of vaccine are required to ensure the best possible protection. To obtain protection against hepatitis B, your child should receive 2 doses of DTaP-HB-IPV-Hib vaccine, i.e. 1 dose at 2 and 4 months, and 1 dose of HAHB vaccine at 18 months. To obtain protection against hepatitis A, your child should receive 1 dose of HAHB vaccine at 18 months. For children born before June 1, 2019, this vaccine is administered in Grade 4.

Some symptoms may be caused by the vaccine (e.g. redness at the injection site). Other problems may occur by chance and are not related to the vaccine (e.g. cold, gastro, headache).

HAHB vaccine is safe. In most cases, it does not cause any reaction.

| Frequency | Possible reactions to the vaccine | What to do |
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| Very often (less than 50% of people) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply a cold, damp compress at the injection site. |
| Often (less than 10% of people) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redness and swelling at the injection site more than 3 cm for more than 24 hours• Fever, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a medication for fever or discomfort if needed.• See a doctor if symptoms are severe. |

We recommend that you stay at the clinic for at least 15 minutes after vaccination because allergic reactions may occur. If an allergic reaction occurs, the symptoms will appear a few minutes after the vaccination. The person giving the vaccine will be able to treat this reaction immediately.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS,

contact the person giving the vaccine,
or Info-Santé 811 or your doctor.