

Hæmophilus influenzae type b infections (Hib) Conjugate Vaccine

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Disease	Signs and symptoms	Possible complications
Serious Hib infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Epiglottitis (serious swelling in the throat)• Pneumonia• Meningitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deafness (becoming deaf)• Mental retardation• Death (3% of meningitis cases)

The vaccine

Vaccination is the best protection against serious Hib infections and their complications. Hib vaccine is administered to children under 5. It is usually combined with the diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis B, and poliomyelitis vaccines. This vaccine is also given to persons, irrespective of their age, who have a medical condition that increases their risk of serious Hib infection.

Symptoms after vaccination

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).

Hib vaccine is safe. Most reactions are harmless and do not last long.

Frequency	Possible reactions to the vaccine	What to do
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.• Use medication for fever or discomfort if needed.• See a doctor if symptoms are severe.
Often (less than 10% of people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever in children	

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 8-1-1 or your doctor.**