

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1 What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is a serious infection caused by the meningococcus bacterium. It can affect anyone, but is most common in young children and teenagers. The disease can spread from one person to another through close contact, such as kissing, coughing, or sneezing. It can also be spread through shared objects like drinking glasses or cigarettes.

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There are four types of meningococcal disease:

1. Meningococcal meningitis: This is the most common form of meningococcal disease. It causes inflammation of the meninges, the protective layers of the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include a high fever, a stiff neck, and a rash. It can be fatal if not treated quickly.

2. Meningococcal sepsis: This is a severe infection of the blood. Symptoms include a high fever, a rash, and joint pain. It can be fatal if not treated quickly.

3. Meningococcal meningitis and sepsis: This is a combination of meningitis and sepsis. It is the most serious form of meningococcal disease and can be fatal if not treated quickly.

4. Meningococcal meningitis and meningitis: This is a combination of meningitis and meningitis. It is the most serious form of meningococcal disease and can be fatal if not treated quickly.

- Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4)

- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)

4 types

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3 Who should get meningococcal vaccine and when?

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How Many Doses?

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Some people should not get meningococcal vaccine or should wait

A ()
allergic reaction to a previous dose

A () **allergy to any vaccine component**

A **moderately or severely ill**

A k **mild illness**

A **Guillain-Barré Syndrome**
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What are the risks from meningococcal vaccines?

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Mild problems