What vaccines will my child get at four months of age?

When your child is four months they will get three vaccines:

1. The 6 in 1 vaccine (this is the same vaccine that your child got when they were two months);
2. The MenB vaccine to protect against Meningococcal B disease (this is the same vaccine that your child got when they were two months); and
3. The rotavirus oral vaccine to protect against rotavirus disease (this is the same vaccine that your child got when they were two months).

The rotavirus oral vaccine is given as drops into your child’s mouth. The other vaccines are given as injections in your child’s legs.

What can I expect after vaccination?

Your child may have a sore leg or fever especially after the MenB vaccination. This is why we recommend that you give your child 3 doses of liquid infant paracetamol after the four month visit.
What happens next?

Make an appointment with your GP (doctor) to attend for your child’s six month vaccines. It’s a good idea to put a reminder in your phone or write the date of your child’s next appointment on a calendar.

1. Give 2.5 mls (60 mg) of liquid infant paracetamol shortly after the vaccine has been given.
2. Give a second dose of 2.5 mls (60 mg) 4 to 6 hours after the first dose.
3. Give a third dose of 2.5 mls (60 mg) 4 to 6 hours after the second dose.

If your child still has a fever, give a fourth dose of 2.5 mls (60 mg) 4 to 6 hours after the third dose.

If you are worried about your child, please contact your GP (doctor), practice nurse or public health nurse at your local HSE clinic for advice.

Remember

Your child needs three more visits to your GP (doctor) to get all their vaccines and to be fully protected against serious diseases. Please bring your child’s immunisation passport to each visit.