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

When your child is six 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 and four months old);
2. The PCV vaccine (this is the same vaccine that your child got when they were two months old); and
3. The MenC vaccine to protect against Meningococcal C disease.

The 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 after vaccination. Your child does not need 3 doses of liquid infant paracetamol after this visit because they have not had the MenB vaccine.

However if they have a high fever over 39°C (feel much hotter than usual), or they appear distressed, you can give them:

1. milk or cooled boiled water; and
2. liquid infant paracetamol or infant ibuprofen – follow the directions on the package.
What happens next?
Make an appointment with your GP (doctor) to attend for your child’s 12 month vaccines. It is a good idea to put a reminder in your phone or write the date of your child’s next appointment on a calendar.

The HSE will send you a letter to tell you about the vaccines that your child will get at their fourth visit at 12 months and at their fifth visit at 13 months.

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

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Your child has now completed the childhood immunisation schedule and does not need any more vaccines until they are four to five years old. Keep your child’s immunisation passport safe for future vaccinations.

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