

## VAX vaccinate your baby

- Vaccination is the most effective protection.
- Just because your baby is vaccinated doesn't mean they are fully protected. Vaccination only covers the most common strains. So, know the signs and symptoms!

### Vaccination Schedule for Meningitis

Age	Type of Vaccination
2 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)</li></ul>
4 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hib</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - ATSI only</li></ul>
6 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hib</li><li>• Pneumococcal - ATSI only</li></ul>
12 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meningococcal ACWY</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - ATSI only</li></ul>
18 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hib</li></ul>

These vaccinations are provided for free for your baby.

- If your baby is attending day care and is less than 12 months old, there are other vaccination plans available. Talk to your GP.



*"As a parent who watched their child go through this, I can guarantee no child deserves this and no parent would want to live through it" - Noelene*

*"Your instinct is your best tool as a parent, as a quick response saves lives and improves outcomes" - Cooper's mum*

**Every  
Second  
Counts!**

For further information visit:  
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## Meningitis and Meningococcal What Every New Parent Needs to Know

**#KNOW.  
ACT. VAX.**



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# Meningitis, Meningococcal and Pneumococcal are VERY SERIOUS diseases.

Babies are at a high risk as they are not fully immunised yet and don't have a natural immunity. It's important as a new parent that you can recognise the signs and symptoms and ACT immediately if you suspect Meningitis, Meningococcal or Pneumococcal, because Every Second Counts!



1 in 10 people who contract these diseases will die



1 in 5 survivors will have permanent disabilities such as brain damage, loss of limbs or deafness

*"I wish I had known that there were so many strains of pneumococcus not covered by the pneumococcal vaccine. I wish I had known the signs and symptoms that the doctors didn't recognise... And I so desperately wish Mabel was still here in my arms" - Carly*



## KNOW the Signs and Symptoms



High Fever



Vomiting



Tired/Difficulty Waking



Pale Blotchy Skin/Rash



Blank / Staring / Dislikes Handling



Sensitivity to Light



Cold Hands and Feet



Stiff Neck/Jerky Movements



Refusal to Eat



Rapid Breathing/ Grunting



High Pitched Cry, Bulging Soft Spot on Head

- Meningitis can kill within 24 hours. The time between the first symptom and your baby being in a critical condition may only be a few hours.
- Every case is different. Babies will often show signs in a different order, or some not at all, so you need to be on the lookout for all of them- check your fridge magnet!

## ACT immediately

- Symptoms develop and deteriorate quickly so ACT as soon as you feel something is wrong.
- **Go straight to your GP or the hospital and ask them directly- 'could it be Meningitis, Meningococcal or Pneumococcal?'**
- Don't wait for a rash to appear on your baby. While it is often the most well-known symptom, it is not always the first or may not appear at all.
- Trust your instincts as a parent. You know your child better than anyone else. If your baby gets worse, even after seeing a doctor, return to the hospital immediately. Every second counts!

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