

PROTECT AGAINST INFECTIONS ON THE BRAIN, SPINAL CORD AND BLOOD!

The meningococcal conjugate type C vaccine



What does this vaccine protect against?

This vaccine protects against *Neisseria meningitidis*, a bacteria that causes infections in the fluid and membranes covering the brain and spinal cord as well as the bloodstream. It can lead to deafness, seizures, brain damage, and death.

Who should get this vaccine?

- As part of the routine immunization program, children need two doses at 4 and 12 months of age.
- If you had close contact with someone with type C meningococcal disease, your healthcare provider will tell you how many doses you need.

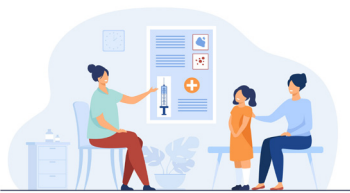


Who should not get this vaccine?

- If you have an allergy to any component of the vaccine.
- If you had a severe or unusual side effect after this vaccine or one like it.

What are the side effects of this vaccine?

The side effects tend to be temporary and include redness/swelling/soreness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, body aches, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, etc. Side effect symptoms can be managed by placing a cool, wet cloth on the injection site or by taking medications like ibuprofen or acetaminophen to deal with fever or pain.



If you have any additional questions or want to schedule your vaccination, you can:

- Call Health Link at 811
- Call AIMGA's Multilingual Health Hub for Newcomers Phone Line at 1-587-392-8062
- Contact your family physician or primary care network
- Visit booking.aimga.ca to book a patient navigator