

# PROTECT AGAINST THE ROTAVIRUS DISEASE!

## The rotavirus vaccine



### What does this vaccine protect against?

The rotavirus vaccine protects against rotavirus disease, a common infection that causes fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. The infection can potentially lead to dehydration and, in rare cases, life-threatening dehydration.

### Who should get this vaccine?

- As part of the routine immunization schedule, infants receive this vaccine at 2 months and 4 months of age.
- Unlike most vaccines, the rotavirus vaccine is given by mouth as a liquid that your child can swallow.



### Who should not get this vaccine?

**Your child may not be able to receive this vaccine if they have:**

- diarrhea or vomiting (they may need to wait until these symptoms resolve)
- have an allergy to any component of the vaccine
- experienced severe or unusual side effect after this vaccine or a similar one
- have a weakened immune system
- have an inherited intestinal problem that has not been surgically corrected, such as Meckel's diverticulum, or have a history of intussusception



### What are the side effects of this vaccine?

Side effects tend to be mild and temporary, including crying, fever, poor appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, runny nose, and earache. These side effects usually go away within a few days.

If your child has severe stomach swelling, pain, or severe side effects like persistent vomiting, blood in their stool, or a high fever, seek immediate medical attention, as it could be intussusception.

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**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](https://booking.aimga.ca) to book a patient navigator