

Vaccination Schedule

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The table depicts the EPI (Expanded Programme on Immunisation) schedule, as well as the two different private schedules you can choose from. Your clinic or paediatrician will be able to advise you.

| Age | EPI Schedule 6/10/14 Weeks | How & Where | Option 1 Private (6/10/14 weeks) | Option 2 Private (2/4/6 months) |
|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Birth | OPV (0) Oral Polio Vaccine BCG Bacilles Calmette Guerin | Drops by mouth Right arm | OPV (0) Oral Polio Vaccine BCG Bacilles Calmette Guerin | OPV (0) Oral Polio Vaccine BCG Bacilles Calmette Guerin |
| 6 weeks | OPV (1) Oral Polio Vaccine RV (1) Rotavirus PCV (1) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (1) | Drops by mouth Liquid by mouth Intramuscular / Right thigh Intramuscular / Left thigh | RV (1) Rotavirus PCV (1) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (1) | RV (1) Rotavirus PCV (1) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (1) |
| 10 weeks | DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (2) | Intramuscular / Left thigh | RV (2) Rotavirus PCV (2) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (2) | RV (2) Rotavirus PCV (2) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (2) |
| 14 weeks | RV (2) Rotavirus PCV (2) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (3) | Liquid by mouth Intramuscular / Right thigh Intramuscular / Left thigh | RV (2 or 3) Rotavirus PCV (3) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (3) | RV (2 or 3) Rotavirus PCV (3) Pneumococcal vaccine DTap-IPV-HIB-HBV (3) |
| 6 months | Measles (1) | Subcutaneous / Left thigh | Measles (1) | Measles (1) |
| 9 months | PCV (3) Pneumococcal vaccine | Intramuscular / Right thigh | MCV (1) Meningococcal vaccine | MCV (1) Meningococcal vaccine |
| 12 to 15 months | Measles (2) | Subcutaneous / Right arm | PCV (4) Pneumococcal vaccine Hepatitis A (repeat 6 months later) Chickenpox (1) | PCV (4) Pneumococcal vaccine Hepatitis A (repeat 6 months later) Chickenpox (1) |
| 15 to 18 months | | | MMR ¹ (measles, mumps + rubella) MCV (2) Meningococcal vaccine | MMR ¹ (measles, mumps + rubella) MCV (2) Meningococcal vaccine |
| 18 months | DTaP-IPV-Hib-HBV (4) | Intramuscular / Left arm | DTaP-IPV-Hib-HBV (4) | DTaP-IPV-Hib-HBV (4) |

Abbreviations: DTaP = Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis | IPV/Hib = Inactivated Polio & Haemophilus influenzae type b | HBV = Hepatitis B vaccine

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| 6 Years | Tetanus + Diphtheria | Intramuscular / Left arm | Diphtheria, tetanus, Pertussis, Polio MMR (2) Chickenpox (2) | Diphtheria, tetanus, Pertussis, Polio MMR (2) Chickenpox (2) |
| 9 Years | Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) | Intramuscular / Left arm | Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) | Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) |
| 12 Years | Tetanus + Diphtheria | Intramuscular / Left arm | Diphtheria, tetanus, Pertussis, Polio | Diphtheria, tetanus, Pertussis, Polio |

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- (1) First dose in the series
- (2) Second dose in the series
- (3) Third dose in the series
- (4) Booster

In South Africa, public sector clinics work on a government-regulated Extended Programme of Immunisation (EPI). These vaccinations are free of charge. Private sector clinics, where you will pay for your vaccinations, are able to offer extra vaccinations not available on the EPI.

Notes:

