

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1 What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is a serious infection caused by the meningococcus bacterium. It can affect anyone, but is most common in young children and teenagers. The disease can spread from one person to another through close contact, such as kissing, coughing, or sneezing. It can also be spread through shared drinks or food. Meningococcal disease can cause meningitis, a swelling of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, and sepsis, a life-threatening infection of the blood.

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- Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4)

- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)

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3 Who should get meningococcal vaccine and when?

How Many Doses?

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Some people should not get meningococcal vaccine or should wait

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allergic reaction to a previous dose

A () **allergy to any vaccine component**

A **moderately or severely ill**
A k **mild illness**

A **Guillain-Barré Syndrome**
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