



Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

What is Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine?

Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine is a new injection to protect children against typhoid fever. It provides long-lasting protection, requires fewer doses and is suitable for children from under two years of age. Use of Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine can decrease the need for antibiotics, slow down the rise of severe drug-resistant typhoid and save lives. Only one 0.5 mL dose of Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine is given in the muscle.

What is the main reason behind this vaccination campaign?

Health officials in Pakistan say an outbreak of extensively drug-resistant (XDR) typhoid that began in 2016 has now affected more than 5,200 people, according to an update from the World Health Organization (WHO). In order to provide protection against this disease, the government's Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI) is launching a campaign against this disease.

Who should get the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccination?

All children from the ages of 9 months to 15 years should get this vaccine. Only one 0.5 mL dose of Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine is given in the muscle.

My child's school is asking my permission for giving my child the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine. Should I get my child vaccinated?

Yes. Regardless of whether your child has received Typhoid vaccination previously or not, all children from the ages of 9 months to 15 years should get this new Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine because it protects against all forms of Typhoid fever. You can get it from a nearby EPI center or by visiting AKUH Vaccination Services or if offered by your child's school.

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What is the difference between Typhoid Polysaccharide and Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine?

The currently available Typhoid Polysaccharide Vaccine cannot protect children under 2 years of age and has limited protection against Typhoid, while the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine provides good protection at a younger age (9 months and older) against the disease.

Who should not get the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine?

Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine should not be given to individuals with known hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine.

Can Typhoid Conjugate vaccine be given with other vaccines?

Yes, it can.

I have already been vaccinated with Typhoid Polysaccharide Vaccine. Can I get the Typhoid Conjugated Vaccine?

Yes, Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine can be administered any time after getting Typhoid Polysaccharide Vaccine. However, if you have a fever over 101° F/38.4° C or you are very ill, you should wait until your fever has subsided and you feel better.

Does Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine cause any side effects?

Side effects of the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine are generally mild and go away on their own within a few days. These side effects show that the vaccine is working to make your body stronger. Common side effects include:

- Soreness, redness, and/or swelling at the site of injection
- Fever

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Can Typhoid Conjugate vaccine be given if the child:

- Has a mild illness without fever or temperature less than 101°F/38.4°C
- Is undergoing concurrent antibiotic therapy
- Has been exposed to Typhoid or getting better from Typhoid
- Is breastfed
- Was born preterm
- Is allergic to products not present in the vaccine or allergy that is not anaphylactic
- Has a family history of adverse events
- Is suffering from tuberculin skin testing
- Is getting multiple vaccines

Yes, it can be given in the above mentioned conditions.