

CHILD POST VACCINATION ADVICE

Vaccines, like any other medication can have some reactions. Severe reactions like swelling on lips and eyes, seizures, breathlessness, loss of consciousness are rare but can happen. Therefore, it is important for you to remain at the immunisation waiting area for 15/30 minutes after your child's vaccination. This is to ensure that your child gets immediate treatment if any severe reactions arise.

If your child is well and comfortable after 15/30 minutes, please proceed to the registration counter for payment and to schedule the next appointment.

These are some common vaccine reactions and measures you can take to help your child over the next few days:

Common Reactions	What you can do
Local reactions (redness, swelling, pain at the injection site)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place a cool cloth to the sore area for comfort Give paracetamol according to nurse's recommendation
Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor temperature regularly (fever is 37.5 °C and above) Offer extra fluids (e.g. breast milk, formula, water) Dress your child in light clothing Bathe your child in lukewarm water Give paracetamol according to nurse's recommendation
Irritability/fussiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually disappears over 24 to 48 hours and do not require treatment
A small lump at the injection site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May last for several weeks/ months. No treatment is necessary

Consult a doctor if:

- Medication does not reduce fever
- Persistent fever for more than 24 hours
- Child is less active than usual
- Persistent crying
- Seizures (fits) - some children are more prone to seizures during high fever
- Redness or swelling at the injection site worsen
- Experiencing abdominal pain or cramping, pulling legs up to their chest, bloated abdominal, vomiting and or having blood in the stool especially after Rotavirus vaccination