

Questions to ask Your Doctor:

A child vaccination discussion guide

We understand you have questions about your child's vaccinations. Below, you'll find some of the key questions you can ask your doctor to get the conversation started.



Suggested questions to ask your doctor:

- What are the benefits of vaccinating my child?
- What diseases do vaccines prevent?
- Are vaccines safe?
- How are vaccines made?
- Could vaccines cause adverse side effects?
- Which vaccines does my child need and when? How young is too young for vaccines?
- Could multiple vaccines given at one time overwhelm a child's immune system? What ingredients are in vaccines and why?
- Could my child get a disease after being vaccinated?
- Could the vaccine give my child the disease?



Helpful resources

- Immunization schedule for children 0-6
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf>
- Immunization schedule for children 7-18
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/teen/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf>
- A Parent's Guide to Child Immunizations
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/tools/parents-guide/parents-guide-part4.html>
- 10 Things you Need to Know about Child Immunizations
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/10-shouldknow.htm>
- Child Immunization Tracker
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/milestones-tracker.pdf>