

Did You Know...

Vaccines are pharmaceutical products, which carry risks for injury and death that can be greater for some people than others. NVIC encourages everyone to become fully informed about both the risks and complications of diseases and vaccines before making a vaccine decision.

Before You Take A Risk, Find Out What It Is

Vaccines are not without risk and recognizing a vaccine reaction is critical when deciding whether or not to seek medical care. Until it is determined that symptoms and serious health problems that developed after vaccination are unrelated to the vaccine(s) received, additional vaccinations may increase the risk for serious health problems. Discuss your concerns about vaccination and how to recognize vaccine reactions with a trusted health care professional, and scan the QR code in this brochure to learn more at [NVIC.org](https://www.nvic.org).



About Us


The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is a charitable non-profit organization founded in 1982 by parents of vaccine-injured children. NVIC is dedicated to preventing vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and to securing and defending informed consent protections in U.S. vaccine policies and laws.

NVIC does not make vaccine use recommendations or give legal or medical advice. We support the availability of all preventive health care options and the legal right of consumers to make educated, voluntary health care decisions, including vaccine decisions, without being coerced or sanctioned.

Our Work

NVIC provides the following programs and services to the public.

- Public education about vaccines and diseases;
- Analysis and monitoring of vaccine research, regulation, policymaking, and legislation;
- Health choice advocacy to secure informed consent protections in vaccine policies and laws;
- Promotion of quality scientific research into vaccine safety questions and identification of high-risk factors for vaccine injury;
- Counseling, information, and resource referral for the vaccine injured.

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If You Vaccinate Ask 8 Questions

YOUR HEALTH, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR CHOICE





Reporting Vaccine Reactions

The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 requires all vaccine providers to report serious health problems following vaccination, such as those that involve hospitalization or result in injury or death, to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

In addition, the person receiving a vaccine or the parent or guardian of that person may also report a serious health problem that occurs after any vaccination directly to VAERS. Vaccine providers are also required to record serious health problems following vaccination in an individual's permanent medical record, as well as keep a record of the vaccine's manufacturer and lot number.

For more information on vaccine reaction symptoms and reporting, visit www.NVIC.org.

Ask 8 If You Vaccinate

1. Am I or my child sick right now?
2. Have I or my child had a bad reaction to a vaccination before?
3. Do I or my child have a personal or family history of vaccine reactions, neurological disorders, severe allergies, or immune system problems?
4. Do I know the disease and vaccine risks for myself or my child?
5. Do I have full information about the vaccine's side effects?
6. Do I know how to identify and report a vaccine reaction?
7. Do I know I need to keep a written record, including the vaccine manufacturer's name and lot number, for all vaccinations?
8. Do I know I have the right to make an informed choice?

More Resources For You

Scan the QR Code for more information.



Vaccine Injury

Not all symptoms that occur following vaccination are caused by the vaccine(s) recently received. However, it cannot be automatically concluded that symptoms which do occur are not caused by a vaccine. There are also many reported vaccine reactions that have not been adequately studied before new vaccines are licensed and given to millions of people.

It is important for your vaccine provider to record ALL serious health problems, symptoms, or dramatic changes in physical, mental, or emotional behavior that occur following vaccination. This information should be recorded in permanent medical records and reported to VAERS.

Until it has been determined that any serious health problem that developed after vaccination was not causally related to the vaccination(s), further vaccination may significantly increase the risks for more serious health problems.

