Your Baby Needs to be Immunized

Get your baby’s shots on time — every time!

Shots can protect your baby from dangerous childhood diseases.

Your baby could get very sick or even die from these diseases. To be protected, your baby needs a series of shots at 2, 4, and 6 months of age, and between 12 to 18 months of age.

Protect your baby from these diseases:
- Hepatitis B
- Hib (meningitis)
- Diphtheria
- Tetanus (lockjaw)
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Chicken pox
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella (German measles)
- Pneumococcal disease
- Rotavirus disease (severe gastroenteritis)
- Hepatitis A
- Influenza

Do shots really work?
Yes. When we give children a small amount of vaccine, they can grow up without getting these diseases. Check with your baby’s healthcare provider. Make sure your child has gotten all the shots he or she needs.

Are shots safe?
Almost all children have only a mild reaction to shots. Your child may be sore where the shot was given, or have a slight fever or rash.

A serious problem from shots is very rare. Call your health care provider right away if your child has a very high fever, a rash all over his or her body, or a lot of swelling where he or she was given the shot.

Schools need a record of your child’s shots.
By law, children in California must have certain shots before they go to school or day care.

Your child needs a record of these shots. Most of the time, you will get a yellow card with the dates your child got the shots. Keep this card and all your child’s health records in a safe place.

For more information, see: www.shotsforschool.org.