

## ► *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) Conjugate Vaccine



*"Vaccination is good protection"*

This vaccine protects you against *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib) infections and its complications.

### DISEASES

#### Severe Hib infections causes:

- Epiglottitis (severe swelling of the throat)
- Pneumonia
- Meningitis

#### Possible complications of severe Hib infections include:

- Deafness
- Mental retardation
- Death (5% of meningitis cases)

### The Vaccine

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against *Haemophilus influenzae* type b infections and its complications. The vaccine is given to children under five, usually combined with diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio vaccines.

The *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine is safe. In most cases, it does not cause any undesirable reactions.

Inform your health care provider if your child has an allergy to any vaccine.

### EFFECTS

#### Possible side effects

- Rarely, you may experience swelling, redness, or tenderness around the injection site.
- You may run a fever (2% of cases).

#### What to do

- Apply a cold, damp cloth to the injection site.
- Take a medication such as acetaminophen if your temperature is 38.5°C or over.

No severe allergic reactions have been reported.

Should a severe allergic reaction occur, it would begin immediately and the person who gave the vaccine will be able to treat it. That's why you should stay on site for at least 15 minutes after the vaccination.

For more information, ask the person who gave you the vaccine or another health care provider.

