

Protect Me From...

Hepatitis A (HepA)



AN RNA VIRUS

CAUSES HEPATITIS A, LIVER DISEASE, WITH FEVER & JAUNDICE



Disease Information

WHAT HAPPENS

- Attacks the liver
- Your liver detoxifies your body, makes proteins and helps with fat and sugars.
- **Not everyone shows signs**
- Your doctor checks your blood if they suspect possible exposure/infection or if pregnant.

WHY GET VACCINATED

- Leads to lifelong liver disease and failure
- No treatment or cure

HOW IT SPREADS

- Through poop contamination
- Through contact with ice and unbottled water, uncooked shellfish, Uncooked or unpeeled vegetables and fruit, food from street vendors and salads

Vaccine Information

HOW IT WORKS

- Inactivated whole vaccine - Killed virus in vaccine. You cannot get HepA from the killed vaccine.

VACCINATION SCHEDULE

- For children (2 doses): at 1 y.o and 2 y.o.
- For adults (2 doses): anytime or 2 wks before travel to endemic area with 2nd dose 6-18 mo after.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS



- Soreness or swelling at injection site
- Fever
- Fatigue, muscle aches, headache

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TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR

If you/your child:

- Had a severe allergic reaction to a previous vaccine
- Are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Are currently ill
- Have a weakened immune system and need guidance on timing



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FAQ

How effective is it?

- 1st dose: >94% protective
- 2 doses: 95%-100% effective

I'm an adult, should I get it?

- Yes if you have never gotten it The benefits outweigh the risk.

Can't my child wait to get it later in life?

- They could if you choose, but getting immunized earlier means almost no chance of contracting it in their lifetime.

What if i am pregnant?

- You can still get the vaccine. It is actually highly recommended.

I thought you don't get permanent liver damage?

- You might not, but people still die because weak liver makes them vulnerable to other infections. The benefits outweigh the risk.