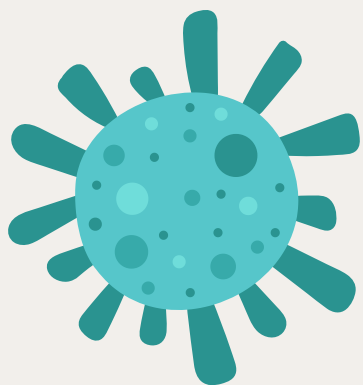


Protect Me From...

Rotavirus



RNA VIRUS

**CAUSES FEVER, WATERY
DIARRHEA, AND VOMITING**



Disease Information

WHAT HAPPENS

- Infects the digestive system
- Causes stomach-ache, diarrhea, and throwing up.
- can spread to other people around you

WHY GET VACCINATED

- There is no cure or treatment
- Infection may lead to dehydration, or dryness
- The intestine might fold into itself, called intussusception, a medical emergency

HOW IT SPREADS

- Often spreads in daycare centers
- Virus parts are in poop
- The virus infects people through dirty hands, items, or foods through their mouth

Vaccine Information

HOW IT WORKS

- live-attenuated (weakened) liquid oral vaccine
- 74% effective in preventing infection and 96% effective in preventing serious sickness

VACCINATION SCHEDULE

- There are two different vaccines given: RV5 at 2, 4 and 6 months (3 doses) and RV1 is at 2 and 4 months

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS



Soreness or swelling at injection site

Fever (100.4° F or greater)
Fatigue, muscle aches, headache

intussusception can rarely occur



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TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR

If you/your child:

- Had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or has any severe, life-threatening allergies
- Had a seizure or high fever after a previous dose
- Your child has a weakened immune system
- Your child has chronic gastrointestinal disease
- Your child has spina bifida



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FAQ

If my child has rotavirus, can't my doctor prescribe antibiotics?

- No, antibiotics fight bacteria, and rotavirus is a virus.

Other than vaccination, can I help prevent my child from getting infected?

- Yes! You and your child can wash your hands after using the toilet or handling diapers, and before eating, to lower the chance of catching rotavirus.

Is there an age most at risk?

- Children between age 3 months to 3 years are most at risk.

How is the vaccine given?

- It is a liquid vaccine that babies drink.

Can my baby still get it when they are older than 6 months?

- After 8 months, there is more risks such as intussuceptions (type of intestine blockage) so it is not recommended.