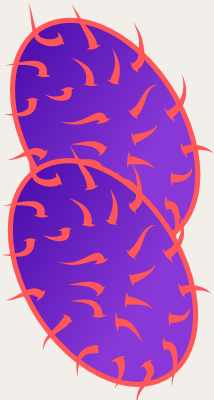


Protect Me From...

Meningitis

(MenACWY & MenB)



A BACTERIA

CAUSES SUDDEN FEVER, HEADACHE, NECK STIFFNESS, VOMITING, CONFUSION, MENINGITIS, BLOODSTREAM INFECTION (SEPTICEMIA)



Disease Information

WHAT HAPPENS

A serious bacterial infection can occur that causes inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) or a severe blood infection. It can progress rapidly and become life threatening within hours, even in healthy individuals.

WHY GET VACCINATED

Meningococcal disease can cause permanent disability or death. Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent infection and protect against severe complications.

HOW IT SPREADS

- Respiratory and throat secretions (saliva)
- Close or prolonged contact (kissing, sharing drinks or utensils, coughing).

Vaccine Information

HOW IT WORKS

The vaccine helps the immune system recognize and fight the bacteria without causing illness. Both vaccines are non-live vaccines.

VACCINATION SCHEDULE

There are two main types of vaccines:

MenACWY (conjugate vaccine)

- First dose: **11 -12 years**
- Booster dose: **16 years**

MenB (recombinant protein vaccine)

- Given at **16 - 23 years**, depending on risk and provider recommendation
- Optimal efficacy is achieved after completion of full series of both vaccines

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

- Soreness or redness at injection site
- Fever (100.4° F or greater)
- Fatigue, muscle aches, headache

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TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR

If you/your child:

- Had a severe allergic reaction to a previous meningococcal vaccine
- Have a weakened immune system
- Are pregnant or think you may be pregnant
- Are a college student, living in dorms, or military recruit



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FAQ

What is meningococcal disease?

- A serious bacterial infection that can cause meningitis or bloodstream infection.

What does the vaccine do?

- It protects against the most common strains that can cause severe disease.

Who should get it?

- Children, teens, young adults, and individuals at higher risk.

Is it safe?

- Yes. Meningococcal vaccines are safe and effective.

Can the vaccine cause meningitis?

- No. The vaccine cannot cause meningococcal disease.

Why is it important?

- Vaccines saves lives and prevents rapid, life-threatening illness



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