

bcg vaccination - information in English

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Dear parents,

according to the available information an increased risk of tuberculosis infection was defined at your child. This is very serious and health threatening disease, especially for the youngest children. TB vaccination significantly decreases the risk of this infection, especially the most serious forms of it. The vaccination is fully indicated by your child as soon after the birth as possible according to the legislations. Advantage of the early vaccination against TB is possibly earliest development of immunity against this infection and none or possibly shortest delay in other vaccination. Other vaccination is not possible, if the reaction against TB vaccine is not healed.

By the vaccination against TB is used a weakened live vaccine, which is being administered into the skin on the left arm. 6-8 weeks after vaccination appears nodule or ulcer of diameter less than 10 mm at the place of vaccination. Lymphnode in the left armpit or on the left side of the neck can become bigger, but not more than size of 10 mm. There were some rare cases with reaction bigger than 10 mm and inflammation of the place of vaccination or of the lymphnode.

pustule can fester, pus may flow from the wound. Don't press or puncture the pustule. In case of suppuration you can disinfect the wound (using Betadine solution) or lightly smear with the ointment (FRAMYKOIN). Cover with plaster only for the short – necessary time , otherwise don't - it is important to have air access to the wound for not to weep. Ulcer then will cover with scab and heal. If you feel the enlarged lymph nodes, watch the skin color above them. When the redness of the skin appears you have to contact us.

Absolutely extraordinary are more serious reactions like bone infection or dissemination of the weakened vaccine strain all over the whole organism by children with serious immunity disorder. Even with detailed check up it is not possible to predict the reaction after the vaccination. The benefit of vaccination is much higher than the risk, that complications could occur. Furthermore your child will be continuously under the surveillance of pediatrician and it will be controlled at the vaccine centre, where the vaccination was held, too. Should an extraordinary side effect occur, consult it with these specialists as soon as possible.

I have been instructed in with the necessity of vaccination of my child and the benefits and risks of this vaccination.

Name and the ID number/date of the birth of the child

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Date.....

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Parent's signature