



# Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine

## What is the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine?

The Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine is a safe and effective vaccine that provides protection against type C disease.

## What are the benefits of the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine?

The Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine is the best way to protect against Meningococcal - C disease. This disease is highest among children less than four years followed by people aged 15 to 24 years of age. This disease can cause serious illness and complications such as death and permanent disabilities (neurologic disabilities, hearing loss, and digit or limb loss). When your child is immunized, they also help to protect others.

## How is the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine given?

The Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine is given as an injection into the upper arm.

## Who should receive the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine?

In New Brunswick, the Meningococcal Conjugate- C Vaccine is provided to children through the New Brunswick Routine Immunization Schedule at 12 months of age.

The vaccine is also recommended for individuals who have been identified as close contact of a person with invasive meningococcal C disease.

## Who should not receive the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine?

The vaccine should not be given if you:

- have had a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the vaccine.
- are allergic to any ingredients of the vaccine or its packaging.

## What are the possible reactions after receiving the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine?

Mild reactions such as injection site reactions (redness, tenderness, and swelling), irritability, and fever.

With any vaccine, there is an extremely rare possibility (less than one in a million people) of a life-threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. For this reason, it is important to remain in the clinic for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine. Signs of this reaction may include rash, difficulty breathing or swelling of the throat, tongue, or lips. This reaction can be treated. Any unexpected or serious reaction to a vaccine should be reported to your health-care provider.

## What can be done if you have a reaction to the Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine?

## VACCINE FACT SHEET

- A cold compress at the injection site may reduce discomfort.
- For discomfort and fever, you can take or give your child medicine by following the manufacturer's instructions. Ask your healthcare provider what medicine is best.

Any unexpected or serious reaction to a vaccine should be reported to your health-care provider.

### Where can I get the vaccine?

In New Brunswick, the publicly funded Meningococcal Conjugate-C vaccine is provided through your local public health office or your primary care provider such as your family doctor or nurse practitioner.

If you have been identified as someone who is a close contact of an infected person with Meningococcal - C disease and need to be vaccinated, your local public health office will provide you the vaccine.

### Further information

Inform your immunization provider if you or your child has any health problems or allergies.

Your immunization provider will give you a record of your or your child's immunizations. Keep this record in a safe place and bring it with you when the next immunization is due.

If you or your child has any unusual reactions to the vaccine, or you have any questions or concerns, please contact your primary care provider or [public health office](#), or Tele-Care 811.

### Useful websites

- Government of New-Brunswick [Vaccines and immunization \(gnb.ca\)](http://gnb.ca)
- Public Health Agency of Canada: [Vaccines for children: About vaccines - Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca)
- Caring for kids: [Immunization | Caring for kids \(cps.ca\)](http://cps.ca)
- Public Health Agency of Canada: [Vaccination for adults - Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca)

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