



## What are Immunizations?

Immunizations, also referred to as vaccinations are specifically **designed to help protect you and your child from certain diseases**. These immunizations are administered as shots which consist of tiny amounts of dead, weakened organisms (viruses or bacteria) that cause the disease. It causes the immune system to produce antibodies that will attack the organism if you are exposed to it. While immunizations do not completely prevent disease, if you have been vaccinated, you will experience milder symptoms.

## Benefits of Immunization

Immunizations have a number of benefits and these include:

- Protects you and your child against certain diseases
- Helps the immune system build resistance against disease
- Minimizes the spread of disease to others and prevents epidemics
- Cost effective way of getting treated for diseases
- Often required for entrance into daycare facilities, school, college, employment or travel to another country
- If you are planning to get pregnant or if your partner is pregnant, it is necessary that your vaccinations are up to date to protect the baby
- Fewer side effects

The childhood immunization schedule outlines the following immunizations and booster shots and these include:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (also known as whooping cough)
- Measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Chickenpox
- Polio
- Hepatitis B.
- Hepatitis A.
- Rotavirus.
- Bacterial meningitis
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Haemophilus influenzae type b disease, or Hib disease
- Pneumococcal disease
- Flu (influenza)

## When should Immunizations be administered to my child?



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A series of [immunizations](#) and booster shots are given at 2, 4 and 6 months of age and then again, at 15 and 18 months. Children between the ages of 4 and 6 years of age will also receive vaccinations. Although **fewer immunizations are needed after the age of 6**, older children and adolescents should also receive vaccines.

A specific childhood immunization schedule is outlined every year and it is recommended that children are given their vaccinations as soon as possible so that they are **protected against diseases**. Very often it is a pre-requisite to produce proof of your [child's immunizations](#) when enrolling them in a day care environment or school. Proof of [immunizations](#) may also need to be produced when traveling or enrolling at a college.

Adults are often unaware of the importance of immunization and believe that it ends at childhood. Immunization that is needed as an adult **depends on factors such as age, gender, lifestyle, type and locations of travel**, overall health, and previous vaccines you had as a child. An adult immunization schedule is available each year from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your physician will review your medical and immunization history to decide what shots you may need.

### **Immunization administered during adulthood includes:**

- Chickenpox
- Influenza
- Hepatitis A and/or B
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPV)
- Polio
- Shingles
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis

Additional [immunizations](#) may be necessary for people whose risk of exposure to disease may be increased and these include:

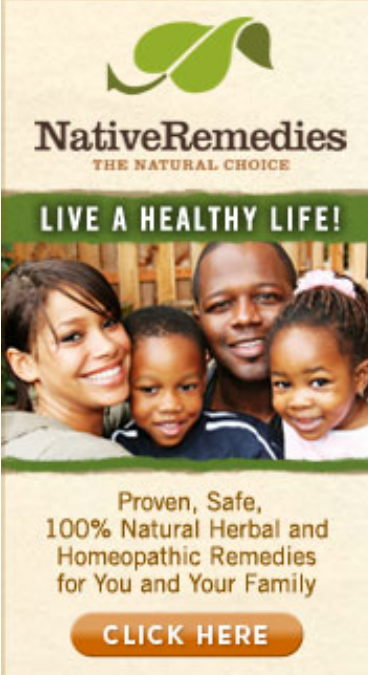
- Meningococcal (MCV4 or MPSV4, depending on your age)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) for women

## **What are the side effects of Immunizations?**

There can be [side effects from immunizations](#) as it entails injecting a virus into your body. If serious side effects such as severe allergic reactions, **difficulty breathing** or a fever over 104.5F do develop, it is important that you consult with your health practitioner immediately.

Common reactions that may occur include:

- Mild pain
- Swelling, soreness or redness on the area where the injection was given
- Muscle ache or joint pain after a measles-mumps-rubella shot
- Mild rash after chickenpox or measles-mumps-rubella shots for about 7 to 14 days
- Slight fever
- Fussiness (often seen in babies)



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Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

- Loss of appetite

## Problems with immunization

There has been great controversy with regards to conventional immunization due to the **possible link between immunization and autism** in young children. People have expressed concern that mercury-containing thimerosal (used as a preservative) may be responsible for causing autism. Preliminary studies indicate that there is no link between immunization and autism, but more research is needed.

## Natural remedies

Natural remedies can go a long way to provide a safer and gentler alternative to conventional [immunizations](#) by **strengthening the body's natural resilience to disease**. Certain herbs and homeopathic ingredients help protect against viruses and bacteria, and with regular use can also [prevent diseases](#). Herbs such as Hypoxis Rooperi, Agathosma Betulina (buchu), Mentha Piperita, Solidago Virgaurea (Goldenrod) and Viscum Album boosts the immune system, overall health and vitality.

Echinacea purpurea, Astragalus membranaceus, Inula helenium and Withania somnifera also support a developing immune system, especially in children, and promotes circulation and good health. In addition, the homeopathic version of the flu vaccine contains ingredients such as Influenzinum, Bacillinum, Gelsemium and Nux vomica to protect the body against the current flu viruses.

There are several preventative measures that can be taken together with the recommended [immunizations](#) to reduce your risk of contracting certain diseases:

- Eat a healthy well balanced diet containing fresh fruit, vegetables, lean meat and fish
- Drink plenty of water – at least eight glasses per day flush to detox your system and flush toxins from the body and keep it hydrated
- Practice good hygiene habits such as washing your hands thoroughly before eating, preparing food, handling pets and being outside
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze to prevent germs from spreading
- Exercise regularly to benefit your overall health
- Avoid sharing personal items such as eating and drinking utensils with someone who has the flu
- Increase your intake of multivitamin supplements
- Ensure that you have a good night's rest
- Manage your stress effectively by going for a brisk walk, playing a sport, listening to soothing music, meditating or practicing deep breathing exercises
- Stop smoking and cut back on excessive alcohol consumption

## The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most

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pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is ‘better’ than the other, many responsible doctors (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Natural medicine has often been frowned on by conventional doctors, especially by those who did not have sufficient knowledge of these medicines. However, it is encouraging to note that some medical schools are now beginning to re-introduce it into their course work, thereby providing doctors with a wider range of treatment options from which to choose. In many countries, especially in Europe, India and China, natural and homeopathic medicines are commonly prescribed by conventional doctors and represent a significant part of the total annual drug sales.

Naturopathy is a branch of medicine (just as allopathy is a branch of medicine) which operates according to the underlying philosophy that the body has an innate capacity to heal itself. While natural medicines are often called ‘alternative’ or ‘complimentary’ medicines, they are, in fact, a unique and independent form of medicine in their own right, well able to treat a variety of conditions. Perhaps the term ‘holistic’ medicine is more apt, given the broad range of treatment options and approaches which are to be found within the practice of natural medicine, which encompasses many different disciplines, including herbalism, homeopathy, iridology, osteopathy, chiropractic, therapeutic massage techniques, aromatherapy, acupuncture and many, many more.

Most naturopaths will use a variety of treatment modalities in order to treat their patients in a holistic way to support health, relieve symptoms and prevent future disease. In fact, even the World Health Organization defines health as being "... more than simply the absence of illness. It is the active state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being." This is a wonderfully clear description of holistic or natural medicine, which strives to support health (thereby relieving or preventing symptoms), rather than simply eliminating disease.

Although allopathic medicine certainly has a role to play and has made a tremendous contribution to medical science during the past century, there is a growing perception that it is not the only answer and that, in many cases, holistic medicine can accomplish just as much, if not more – without the risk of side effects, addiction and sacrifice to health so commonly associated with pharmaceutical drugs. Contrary to common perception, and provided that they are manufactured in the correct way, natural medicines can work quickly and safely to promote healing.

In many cases, they can succeed where pharmaceutical drugs have failed. Despite frequent reports that they are ‘unproven’ and ‘untested’, the opposite is true. Natural medicines have a long history of usage and there is a wealth of empirical evidence to support their effectiveness and safety. In addition, active clinical research is carried out by many academic hospitals and universities to support the extensive traditional and empirical evidence behind natural medicines.



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It is also important to know that, like any medicine, herbal and homeopathic medicines must be manufactured in the correct way, following acceptable procedures and manufacturing methods to ensure maximum effectiveness and safety. Due to the recent rise in popularity of natural remedies, many companies have sprung up to take advantage of the market. Unfortunately not all of them are equipped to manufacture to the correct standards, often resulting in a flood of inferior (and sometimes even unsafe) remedies onto the market – and giving natural remedies a bad name.

Even some pharmaceutical companies have rushed to claim their market share by producing so-called ‘standardized’ extracts of herbs and offering these as superior to the tried and tested methods of naturopathic manufacturing. Nothing could be further from the truth. While ‘standardized’ extracts may offer benefit of easy consistency of dosage (and cheaper more efficient production lines), they have grave disadvantages. These include an increase in side effects as the medicines produced in this manner lose the natural protective properties of the herbs. In some cases, these side effects have proved fatal – as was seen in the liver toxicity associated with standardized extracts of kava kava, a herb previously safely used for generations without any known side effects.

Most naturopaths recommend what is called the Full Spectrum Method of extraction – which retains the benefits of ALL the active ingredients within the herb as opposed to isolating only one – thereby providing a more complete treatment as well as superior protection against side effects.

Whatever your choice, always choose wisely. Research what is best for you. If you have a chronic or life threatening condition, don’t make changes without first discussing them with your doctor in order that your condition may be monitored. Well informed and supportive practitioners will support patients who want to take responsibility for their own health.

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**BaniFlu:** Homeopathic remedy temporarily protects against flu virus and germs and is safe for all ages

BaniFlu temporarily **protects against flu virus and germs** without toxic side effects. Taken at the start of winter, or just before international travel, BaniFlu will protect the body against attacks of the flu strain for the current year.

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BaniFlu is taken internally and works quickly to support the immune system and to assist the body in its task of fighting invading flu germs. Presented in small dissolvable tablets, BaniFlu is easy to ingest and hassle-free with **no artificial colors or preservatives**.

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ImmunityPlus is a 100% safe, non-addictive natural herbal remedy formulated to safely maintain the **health and systemic balance of the immune system**, without harmful side effects and stimulants.

ImmunityPlus contains a selection of herbs known for their supportive function in maintaining immune system health and well-being. It supports the healthy functioning of the immune system, thereby helping to maintain the **natural defense against pathogens** and optimum performance.

As we grow older, we sometimes begin to notice that our immune systems are not as good as they used to be. ImmunityPlus can especially benefit those individuals needing to support routine immune strength to guard against common conditions associated with the maturing of cells.

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The formula remains true to the **whole spectrum method** of herbal extraction, ensuring the bioavailability and balance of all the active ingredients contained in the remedy. This method of manufacture also significantly reduces the likelihood of side effects and maintains all active ingredients in perfect balance – exactly as nature intended!

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