

Paracetamol Administration Factsheet

Meningococcal B



Fever is a common reaction following any vaccination but is more common following the meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero®).

To reduce the risk of fever, it is recommended for all children to receive one dose of **paracetamol 30 minutes prior** to being vaccinated with the Bexsero vaccine. If this is not possible, paracetamol should be given as soon as you can after vaccination.

Even if your child does not have a fever, it is recommended to give your child one dose of paracetamol **six hours after** their first dose and again at **12 hours after** their first dose of paracetamol.




It is important to always **read the label** on the paracetamol bottle and check the dose for your child's weight and age.



Complete the below table when giving your child their paracetamol doses.

	Time given:
Paracetamol dose 1 30 minutes before , if this is not possible, as soon as you can after vaccination. :
Paracetamol dose 2 To be given 6 hours after the 1st dose :
Paracetamol dose 3 To be given 12 hours after the 1st dose :

After the vaccination your child may also have:

-  Pain, redness and swelling around the area where the needle was given.
-  Unusual crying, unsettled, unhappy and sleepy.
-  Change in appetite.

These are explained in the After Vaccination Information leaflet given to you by your vaccination provider.

Giving your child paracetamol at regular intervals will assist in reducing these reactions.

When to seek medical advice

If the reaction seems severe, the pain and fever persist after giving paracetamol, or you are concerned, seek advice from your GP, immunisation provider, or go directly to a hospital.

Alternatively you can call **13HEALTH (13 43 25 84)** for 24/7 health advice.

