CDT(TM) Vaccine

Diphtheria and Tetanus Vaccine, Adsorbed. For infants and children under 8 years of age.

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CDT(TM) Vaccine.

It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines, including vaccines, have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of your child having CDT(TM) Vaccine against the benefits they expect it will have.

If you have any concerns about this vaccine, talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet.

You might need to read it again.

What CDT(TM) Vaccine is used for

CDT(TM) Vaccine is a "combination" vaccine. It helps prevent two diseases, each caused by a different infection. The diseases are

* diphtheria and
* tetanus.

Both of these infections are serious and can be life-threatening.

Primary Course:

CDT(TM) Vaccine is used to vaccinate children, who have not been vaccinated against diphtheria and tetanus before. This is called the 'primary course'.

CDT(TM) Vaccine is given to

* children between 2 months and 8 years of age.

These are the more common side effects of CDT(TM) Vaccine. Mostly these are mild and short-lived.

Allergic reaction:

As with all vaccines given by injection, there is a very small risk of a severe allergic reaction.

If any of the following happen, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:

* sudden signs of allergy such as rash, itching or hives on the skin, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
* shortness of breath
* collapse.

These are very serious side effects. If your child has them, he or she may have had a severe allergic reaction to CDT(TM) Vaccine. Your child needs urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

Mostly this type of side effect occurs within the first few hours of being given the vaccine.

These side effects are rare.

Other side effects not listed above might occur in some people. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making your child feel unwell.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects.

Your child may not experience any of them.

Storing CDT(TM) Vaccine

CDT(TM) Vaccine is usually stored in the doctor's surgery or clinic, or at the pharmacy. However, if you need to store CDT(TM) Vaccine:

* **Keep it where children cannot reach it.**
* **Keep it in the original pack until it is time for it to be injected.**
* **Keep it in the refrigerator, between 2 degrees C and 8 degrees C. DO NOT FREEZE CDT(TM) Vaccine.**

Freezing destroys the vaccine.

Product description

What CDT(TM) Vaccine looks like

CDT(TM) Vaccine is supplied as a single dose (0.5 mL) in a glass container. It is a whitish, cloudy liquid.

Ingredients

Active ingredients:

* Diphtheria Toxoid: at least 30 International Units (IU)
* Tetanus Toxoid: at least 40 IU.

Other ingredients:

* Aluminium phosphate
* Sodium chloride
* Sodium phosphate - monobasic
* Sodium phosphate - dibasic dodecahydrate
* Thiomersal (preservative)
* Water for injection.

CDT(TM) Vaccine does NOT contain:

* lactose
* sucrose
* gluten
* tartrazine or
* any other azo dyes.

Manufacturer/Distributor/ Supplier

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