

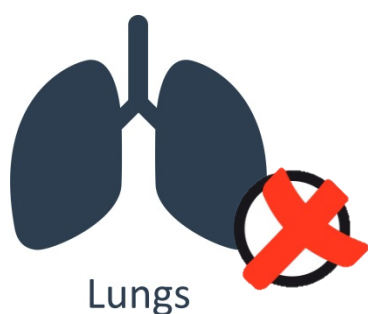
A guide about the Tuberculosis (TB) vaccination (BCG)



A vaccination is a jab or injection that can stop you from getting some dangerous diseases.



Tuberculosis (TB) is an infection that can make you feel very poorly.



The BCG jab protects you from Tuberculosis (TB).



Tuberculosis (TB) can be caught from other people. It spreads when they cough or sneeze.



People with Tuberculosis (TB) usually need medicine (antibiotics) to make them better.



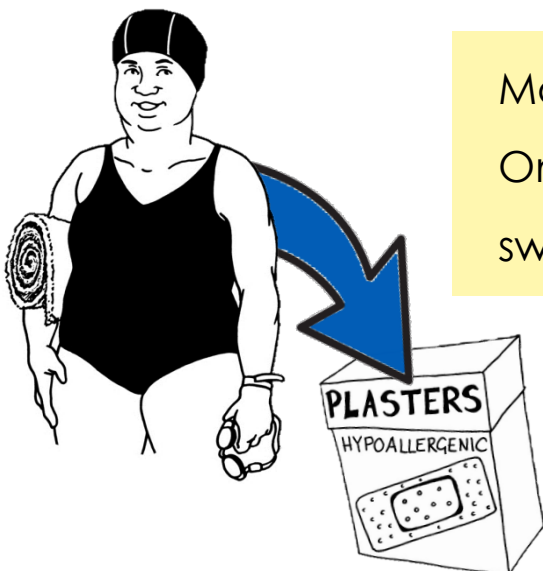
Who needs the BCG vaccination?

People who are at risk of getting Tuberculosis (TB) can have the vaccination. Ask your doctor if you aren't sure.

If it's needed, it's usually given to babies soon after they are born.



There might be a lump or a scab. It can take a few months to get better.



Make sure it is kept clean. Only put a plaster on if you are going swimming.

Need help?



Our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) can help you.

You can ask a question or tell them if you are unhappy about something.



Phone: 0800 030 4550

The team can phone you back.



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