

National Immunization Schedule for EPI Vaccine – Sri Lanka

As approved by the advisory committee on communicable diseases – Revised on 07th September 2007

| Age | Vaccine | Remarks |
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| DURING FIRST YEAR OF LIFE (INFANCY) | | |
| 0-4 weeks | BCG | Before leaving hospital preferably within 24 hours of birth |
| On completion of 2 nd Month | OPV & Pentavalent (DTP-HepB-Hib) (1 st dose) | Preferably 6-8 weeks after 1 st dose Preferably 6-8 weeks after 2 nd dose |
| 4 th Month | OPV & Pentavalent (DTP-HepB-Hib) (2 nd dose) | |
| 6 th Month | OPV & Pentavalent (DTP-HepB-Hib) (3 rd dose) | |
| 9 th Month | Measles | Measles vaccine should be administered to all infants |
| IN SECOND YEAR OF LIFE | | |
| At 18 months | DTP (Booster) – 4 th dose OPV (Booster) – 4 th dose | |
| PRE SCHOOL GOING AGE | | |
| On completion of 3 years of age | Measles and Rubella (MR) | One dose for all children |
| SCHOOL GOING AGE | | |
| At school entry | OPV (Booster) – 5 th dose | One dose for those who have received the primary course of DTP / DT |
| 5 years | DT | |
| In School 12-15 years | aTd (Adult Tetanus diphtheria) | One dose for those have received the primary course of DTP / DT |
| 13 years | Rubella | One dose of Rubella vaccine should be administered to all children |
| PREGNANT WOMEN | | |
| First pregnancy | Tetanus Toxoid – 1 st dose (TT1) after the 12 th week of pregnancy | Two doses of Tetanus Toxoid should be given during the first pregnancy to prevent Neonatal Tetanus The 2 nd dose should be given at least 4 weeks before delivery One of Tetanus Toxoid should be administered during every subsequent pregnancy, up to a maximum of five doses (ie. TT1-TT5) |
| Subsequent pregnancies | Tetanus Toxoid – 2 nd (TT2) after the 6-8 weeks after the first dose | |
| | Tetanus Toxoid for the subsequent 3 pregnancies (TT3, TT4, TT5) | |
| FEMALES IN THE CHILD-BEARING AGE GROUP | | |
| 13-44 years | Rubella | One dose of rubella vaccine to all female between 15 and 44 years of age, who have not been immunized earlier |
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