

Health Care Education Vaccines (Immunizations) for children



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And when I am sick, then He heals me. - - - Al Quran – Ash-Shuraa, Verse 26:80

*The Prophet SAWS said: “Allah SWT has not created any disease without also creating a cure for it...”
(Agreed upon)*

Measles Vaccine

What is Measles?

Measles is a highly contagious infection of the respiratory system. Measles is caused by the measles virus. Measles usually manifests as a fever of 2-3 days followed by a red rash on the body - beginning from behind the ear- spreading to the face and then going downwards to reach the feet finally - this entire rash progression may take some 3-4 days. It may take 4-5 days for the rash to disappear. All these are the usual symptoms of typical Measles. The complications in Measles account for a major number of childhood illnesses and deaths.

What are the symptoms of Measles?

- Pneumonia: This is the most common complication of measles that may lead to death
- Meningitis: (Brain fever) Manifesting as fits/ fainting/ loss of consciousness/ paralysis/ coma
- Bloody Diarrhea
- Pus discharge from ears (suppurative otitis media)

Infected children become more prone to Tuberculosis from the environment since Measles suppresses their immune system.

When is the Measles vaccine administered?

The vaccination is administered at 9 months after birth.

One must remember that even after vaccination protective immunity takes approximately 10 days for development – it is implied that the child is susceptible for approximately 10 days after vaccination.

How many times in a lifetime is the Measles vaccine given?

It is given only once in a lifetime. In case it has been given before the age of 9 months then you need to repeat a dose at the age of 9 months.

Are there any side effects?

There are no side effects to this vaccine.