Hepatitis-A Vaccine

What is Hepatitis A?

Hepatitis is the scientific word for the more commonly known word Jaundice. This involves infection, swelling and inflammation in the Liver. This is the most common cause of Jaundice and is Hepatitis - A virus. It spreads through contaminated / stale food and water and by contact with a jaundiced person. Usually it takes an epidemic form during monsoons and after floods.

What are the common manifestations?

Vomiting or nausea, distaste for food, yellow urine - pale stools and yellow eyes are some of the usual symptoms. It may take up to 1-1.5 months for regaining one’s normal lifestyle and to be able to get back to work.

What are the complications of Jaundice?

Unconsciousness, seizure, swelling of the abdomen, bleeding - these are some of the life threatening complications of Jaundice.

When does a child get this vaccination?

This vaccination can be given at any age after 2 years. The booster is administered 6 months to 1 year from the first dose. It is given in the form of an injection.