

Vaccine in short for the **DT-IPV vaccine**

What is this vaccine for?

This vaccine protects your child against several diseases:

- **Diphtheria.** A disease with severe inflammation of the throat, heart, kidneys or nerves. Symptoms include a sore throat and difficulty breathing.
- **Tetanus.** A disease that can cause severe, painful muscle cramps and difficulty swallowing and breathing.
- **Polio.** A disease that can cause paralysis of the arms or legs.

An infection with diphtheria, tetanus or polio is serious and can be fatal.

How does this vaccine work?



After vaccination, your child's body recognises the virus that causes polio. It also recognises the bacteria that cause diphtheria and tetanus. If your child comes into contact with the virus or bacteria that cause these diseases, the body can quickly produce antibodies that protect your child.

As a result, your child will either not become ill or will become much less ill.

If your child is following the full National Immunisation Programme, this vaccine is a booster. Your child has already been vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus and polio at a younger age. After this booster vaccination, your child will be protected against these diseases for a longer period.

When will my child receive this vaccine?

Was your child born in 2016 or later? Then your child will receive this vaccination in the year your child turns 14 years old.

Was your child born in 2015 or earlier? Then your child has already received this vaccination at the age of 9.

Your child may receive an adjusted schedule. Always follow your child's schedule.



The injection is given in the upper arm.

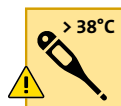
This vaccination is part of the **National Immunisation Programme**. This is a government programme designed to protect people against infectious diseases. Vaccinations that are part of the National Immunisation Programme are free of charge.

What should I do if my child has not received the vaccination?



If your child has **missed** the appointment for the vaccination, make a new appointment as soon as possible.

Most important warnings



If your child has a **fever** before receiving the vaccination, your child may become even more unwell. The RIVM advises you to make a new appointment for the vaccination if your child has a fever above 38.5°C.



If your child has a **mild infection**, such as a cold, discuss with your doctor whether you should make a new appointment for the vaccination.

Your child is protected against tetanus for at least 10 years after this final vaccination in the D(K)TP series in the National Immunisation Programme.

Does your child sustain a dirty wound after that time? With dirt from the street or, for example, after being bitten by an animal? Contact your doctor. Your child may need a new vaccination.

Most important side effects

As with other vaccines, your child may experience side effects. This is because the vaccine activates the immune system. The immune system provides protection against diphtheria, tetanus and polio.

Approximately 1 in 10 children may experience:

- Pain, redness or swelling at the injection site.
- A hardened area or lump at the injection site.

Approximately 1 in 100 children may experience:

- Fever, headache or dizziness.
- Nausea, sometimes with vomiting.

All listed side effects usually last 1 or 2 days.

More information

If you have any further questions or concerns about vaccinating your child, discuss them with the child health doctor, your doctor or a pharmacist.

For the official package leaflet, see [geneesmiddeleninformatiebank.nl](https://www.geneesmiddeleninformatiebank.nl). For more information, you can also visit [apotheek.nl](https://www.apotheek.nl), [thuisarts.nl](https://www.thuisarts.nl) or [rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/en](https://www.rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/en). If you would like to report a side effect, or learn more about side effects, you can do so via [lareb.nl/en](https://www.lareb.nl/en).