

Vaccine in short for the **Meningococcal vaccine (Nimenrix)**

What is this vaccine for?

This vaccine protects you against **4 different types of meningococcal bacteria**: types A, C, W and Y.

Meningococci are bacteria that can cause inflammation, such as inflammation of the membrane around the brain (meningitis) or blood poisoning. The inflammation can also cause lasting complications, such as epileptic seizures, deafness, reduced ability to concentrate and eye problems.

An infection with meningococci is serious and can be fatal.

How does this vaccine work?



After vaccination, your body recognises the 4 types of meningococcal bacteria. If you come into contact with these bacteria after vaccination, your body can quickly produce antibodies that destroy these bacteria. **As a result, you will either not become ill or will become much less ill.**

When will my child receive this vaccine?



You receive the meningococcal vaccine **twice**. In the National Immunisation Programme, you receive the vaccine at 14 months of age and in the year you turn 14.

You receive the Nimenrix meningococcal vaccine in the year you turn 14.

You may receive an adjusted schedule. Always follow your schedule.



The injection is given in the upper leg or upper arm.

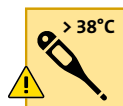
This vaccination is part of the **National Immunisation Programme**. This is a government programme designed to protect people against infectious diseases. Vaccinations that are part of the National Immunisation Programme are free of charge.

What should I do if I have not received the vaccination?



If you have **missed** the appointment for the vaccination, make a new appointment as soon as possible.

Most important warnings



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



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

It is important that you receive the vaccinations against meningococcal disease. This is especially important for children between 1 and 4 years of age and young people from the age of 14, as they are at higher risk of meningococcal infection.

Most important side effects

As with other vaccines, you may experience side effects. This is because the vaccine activates your immune system. The immune system provides protection against meningococcal disease.

Approximately 1 in 10 people may experience:

- Pain, redness or swelling at the injection site.
- Reduced appetite.
- Irritability.
- Drowsiness or headache.
- Fever or fatigue.

Approximately 1 in 100 people may experience:

- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea.
- A bruise at the injection site.

All listed side effects usually last 1 or 2 days.

More information

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

For the official package leaflet, see ema.europa.eu. For more information, you can also visit apotheek.nl, thuisarts.nl or 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.