

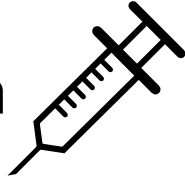
15 Month Vaccine



At 15 months old, your child gets 1 vaccination.

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Varicella



This vaccine protects the varicella virus - also known as chicken pox.

What is chicken pox?

- A highly contagious infection
- This virus can resurface later in life as "shingles"
- Occurs most commonly in children
- Begins with a fever, headache, aches and pains, then followed by an itchy rash with red spots that eventually turn into fluid-filled blisters, then scabs
- Newborns and those whose immunity is suppressed can become very ill if they contract chickenpox

Who should not get the vaccine?

- Those under 1 year of age
- Anyone who has had chickenpox after the age of one

Side Effects

- Sore and swollen arm for a few days where the needle was given
- May develop a chickenpox-like rash at the site, with less than 10 spots / blisters, up to 26 days after immunization.
 - If this occurs, please call the clinic to let us know
- General aches, fever, feeling tired for a day or two

