

VACCINE FACTS

Measles, Mumps, Rubella & Varicella (MMRV) (Priorix-Tetra®, ProQuad®)

The MMRV vaccine protects against infection from measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox) in one needle.



Who should get this vaccine? ^{1,3}

This vaccine is routinely given to all children at 4 to 6 years of age as their 2nd dose of measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccine.

How well does this vaccine work? ^{1,3}

When given on the recommended schedule:

- 99% of those fully vaccinated are protected against measles.
- 97.4% of those fully vaccinated are protected against mumps.
- 100% of those fully vaccinated are protected against rubella.
- 98% of those fully vaccinated are protected against varicella.

Is there an alternative to this vaccine?

At this time there are no other ways to prevent these diseases. Hand washing and covering the mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing can help reduce the spread of disease.

Is this vaccine safe?

The risk of a serious reaction or side effect from this vaccine is much less than the risk of measles, mumps, rubella or varicella. If you experience any side effect worse than what is listed below, please seek medical advice and notify the health unit.

Common side effects of this vaccine ^{1,3}	Less common (1-10%) side effects of this vaccine ^{1,3}	Rare side effects of this vaccine ^{1,3}
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain and redness where needle was given.• Low grade fever.• Measles/rubella/varicella like rash where needle was given.• Moderate fever (higher than 39°C or 102.2°F).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blood disorder called Thrombocytopenia (low platelet count) which effects how the blood clots. Most often resolves within 3 months after the needle was given.• 1 in 1,000,000 people will develop swelling of the brain (encephalitis). 1 in 1000 of those with measles will also develop this swelling of the brain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anaphylaxis

Who should not receive this vaccine? ^{1,3}

- Anyone with an allergy to any of the vaccine components or who has had an allergic or anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine.
 - This excludes allergy to eggs as the trace amount of egg protein in the MMRV Vaccine appears insufficient to cause an allergic reaction.
 - Hypersensitivity reactions that occur with MMRV vaccination are usually due to other components of the vaccine (gelatin, neomycin).
- Anyone with a weakened immune system.
- Anyone who is pregnant. Women should delay pregnancy for one month after receiving a live vaccine.
- Anyone with active untreated tuberculosis (TB).
- Anyone who has had another live vaccine in the last 4 weeks.

What is in this vaccine? ²

Priorix-Tetra®	ProQuad®	Also found in...
Neomycin	Neomycin	Antibiotics
Lactose		Milk, yogurt
Mannitol		Mushrooms, trees
Sorbitol	Sorbitol	Laxatives, apricots, peaches
Amino acids		Red meat, quinoa
Egg protein		Eggs
	Sucrose	Table sugar
	Gelatin	Frozen desserts
	Sodium chloride	Table salt
	Monosodium L-glutamate	Tomatoes, parmesan cheese
	Sodium phosphate	Laxatives, food additive-emulsifier, leavening agent for baked goods
	Urea	Human body

We ask you to:

Check: Your child's yellow immunization card or health record.

Contact: Your child's family physician or health-care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations.

Share: Visit our website to share your immunization record with us.



References:

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