

Growth Progress and Vaccinations

Why is it important to get my child's growth progress checked?

It is important to check how well your child is growing to see if they are reaching normal development targets for their age.

A doctor or nurse will check your baby every so often to see how they are growing and developing. They will check your child's:

- eyesight,
- hearing,
- muscles,
- speech,
- growth, and
- teeth.

These checks are carried out:

- in hospital at birth;
- during home visits by a Public Health Nurse; and
- at your local health clinic by your doctor and Public Health Nurse.



Primary Health Care Programme

The Primary Health Care Programme aims to improve the health and quality of life of Travellers in Tuam and its surrounding areas. It does this by identifying the community's specific health needs and the health services it requires.

If you have any questions about anything in this leaflet please contact Primary Health Care.



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Important information about your child's growth progress and vaccination times



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Why is it important that my child receive a full course of vaccinations (injections)?

Your child needs a number of vaccinations to get the best possible protection against disease. If they don't get all of the vaccinations they need they are more likely to catch certain diseases. The results of catching these diseases are much more serious than the risks often linked with receiving the vaccinations.

Children are most in danger of catching diseases when they are babies so it is very important that they receive all vaccinations at the right age. Go to the checklist to see what age your child should be when they receive their vaccinations and checks.

Remember:

It takes only 5 visits to your GP to fully vaccinate your baby.



Checklist for Injections and Growth Progress

Name of Child: _____

Birth Date: _____

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When	What For	Where	
at birth	growth progress	hospital	
2 days	hearing check	hospital ¹	
2 weeks	growth progress	health clinic	
2 months	6 in 1 and PCV	GP's surgery	
3 months	growth progress	health clinic	
4 months	6 in 1 and meningitis C	GP's surgery	
6 months	6 in 1, PCV and meningitis C	GP's surgery	
7 to 9 months	growth progress	health clinic	
12 months	first dose of MMR and PCV	GP's surgery	
13 months	meningitis C and HIB	GP's surgery	
18 months to 2 yrs	growth progress	health clinic	
3 ½ years	growth & speech & language check	health clinic	
4 or 5 years	vision and hearing	school	
4 or 5 years	4 in 1	GP before school	
4 or 5 years	second dose of MMR	school	
8 years	dental check	dental clinic	
10 years	dental check	dental clinic	
11 to 14 years	BCG, tetanus and diphtheria	school ²	
12 years	dental check	dental clinic	
11 to 14 years	eye and ear check	eye and ear clinic	
12 to 13 years	HPV vaccination (for girls only) ³	secondary school	

¹Some babies will be screened before they leave hospital. Depending on when their babies were born, some parents may receive an appointment by post.

²BCG is not given at birth in Co Galway as it is in some other counties. It is given in 5th or 6th class.

³The HPV vaccination can prevent cervical cancer. It is offered to all girls in their 1st year of secondary school. It is free of charge and is given in school by a doctor or nurse.

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