

# Premature Babies Immunization Schedule

## What is an immunization?

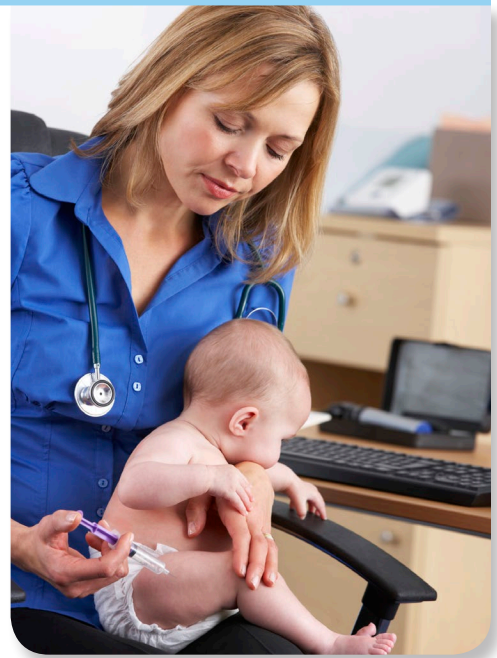
Immunizations protect us from getting sick with serious diseases. Often, they are given by a shot, but sometimes they are given by mouth or nose.

## Premature babies

Immunizations are given to premature babies at the same age as full-term infants.

## At birth

- Hepatitis B Vaccine
  - First dose is usually given at birth before leaving the hospital.
  - Should complete the doses by 6-18 months of age.



## 6-8 weeks old

- Diphtheria and tetanus and pertussis vaccine (DTaP)
- Haemophilus influenzae vaccine (Hib)
- Pneumococcal vaccine
- Poliovirus vaccine (IPV)

## Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Your child may be eligible for a treatment to prevent RSV, a virus that can cause serious lung infections. Ask your baby's doctor.

## Benefits of vaccines

- Vaccines prepare your baby's body to fight illness.
- Vaccines protect you and others around you.
- It cost less to prevent a disease than to treat it.

## Are Your child's immunizations up to date?

You can find out more about which immunizations babies need on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Web site <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>.

If you have any concerns about vaccines, ask the doctor caring for your baby.