

Do these shots protect my baby?

♥ The shots help babies make antibodies, which protect them from Hepatitis B.

♥ When an adult or baby has antibodies for Hepatitis B, this helps fight off the virus.

♥ A few months after your baby gets HBIG and all 3 shots, the doctor will do a blood test to see if your baby is making antibodies.

What could happen if my baby does not get these shots?

✿ 9 out of 10 babies born to infected mothers will end up being carriers for the rest of their lives, if they do not get the shots.

✿ Babies who are carriers have a 1 out of 4 chance of dying from liver problems.

✿ 19 out of 20 babies who get the shots will be protected for life.

If you can't afford to visit your doctor, call your local health department or the Immunization Program at (877) 799-9773.

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Hepatitis B & You



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your baby's future

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What is Hepatitis B?

 A viral infection that attacks your liver.

 Can cause severe illness or death.



How do you get Hepatitis B?

 Passed by contact with blood and other body fluids of someone who has the virus.

 Having sex without condoms with someone who has Hepatitis B.

 Being born to a mother who has Hepatitis B.

 Sharing needles and syringes.



How does my baby get Hepatitis B from me?

If you have Hepatitis B and a tiny bit of your blood gets inside of your baby at birth.

How to prevent my baby from getting Hepatitis B.

 9 out of 10 babies are born to infected mothers will end up being carriers for the rest of their lives if they do not get the shots.

 Your baby will have a 95% chance of being protected if your baby receives the HBIG and the 1st dose of Hepatitis B vaccine on the day of birth.

 Make sure your baby completes the remaining two doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

Hepatitis B Shots for Babies



Time	Infant born to mother with Hepatitis B should receive
Birth	1st Hepatitis B vaccine & HBIG
1-2 months	2nd dose of Hepatitis B vaccine
6 months	3rd dose of Hepatitis B vaccine
9-18 months	Post-vaccine testing to make sure your child is protected.

