



# Managing possible fever associated with meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero<sup>®</sup>)

**Administration of paracetamol with every dose of Bexsero<sup>®</sup> is recommended for all children less than 2 years of age.**

Fever is a common reaction following any vaccine, but it is more common with Bexsero<sup>®</sup>. Paracetamol will reduce the likelihood of high-grade fever for your child.

Parents are recommended to give the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of paracetamol 30 minutes before immunisation, or as soon as possible after immunisation.

You can give 2 more doses of paracetamol 6 hours apart, even if your child does not have a fever.

## IMPORTANT – PLEASE COMPLETE:

<b>Paracetamol dose 1</b> (30 minutes before, or as soon as possible after immunisation)	Time given: ____:____
<b>Paracetamol dose 2</b> (6 hours after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose)	Time given: ____:____
<b>Paracetamol dose 3</b> (6 hours after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Time given: ____:____

IMPORTANT – If your child develops a fever that is not adequately controlled using the above recommendations, refer to the dosing schedule on the paracetamol bottle or seek medical advice.

## Other common reactions

Other commonly expected reactions for the Bexsero<sup>®</sup> vaccine can include pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, irritability, sleepiness, unusual crying and change in appetite.

Paracetamol doses at regular and adequate intervals will assist in reducing these reactions.

Your immunisation provider will explain the commonly expected reactions and give you the [After-Care Vaccination Information](#) sheet.

## If you have concerns or further questions

If the reaction seems severe or persists and/or you are concerned, seek advice from your GP or immunisation provider as soon as possible, or go directly to the hospital.

Alternatively, after hours, you can call *Healthdirect Australia* on 1800 022 222.

All serious or unexpected reactions should be reported to the WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system, <https://www.aefican.org.au/Home/Info/WA>.

For more information visit <https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Healthy-living/Immunisation>