Hello
Meningitis

HELP MAKE SURE YOUR TEEN IS PROTECTED FROM MENINGITIS B

Meningococcal Group B disease (MenB) is rare but potentially deadly. Discuss MenB vaccination with your teen's doctor.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR APPOINTMENT

When you go in for an office visit or a flu shot to help protect your teen from another vaccine-preventable disease, **ask their doctor:**

Is my teen protected from all common forms of meningococcal meningitis?

Men A C W Y

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Men B

The CDC highlights several vaccinations for 16-year-olds on the immunization schedule: MenACWY, **MenB**, HPV, and flu.

IS YOUR CHILD AT RISK FOR MenB?

Certain ages may be at increased risk, and the following **typical adolescent and young adult behaviors** can spread the bacteria that cause MenB.

Ages
16-23

Is your child between the ages of **16 and 23**?

Does your teen **share cups or utensils**?

Does your teen plan to **live in close quarters** like in a **dorm or at camp**?

Does your teen **play sports or other group activities**?

Does your teen have **close contact** with other teens, like **kissing**?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, your child **may be at increased risk** for this rare but devastating bacterial infection.

THE MENINGITIS VACCINE (MenACWY) TEENS MAY RECEIVE AT 16 DOES NOT COVER MenB

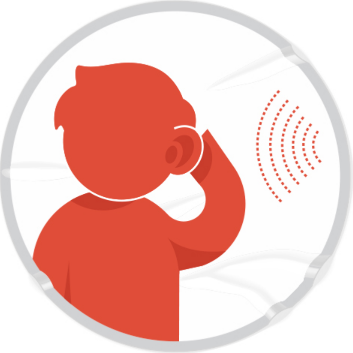
Two different vaccines may be needed to fully vaccinate teens against meningococcal meningitis.

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW IF

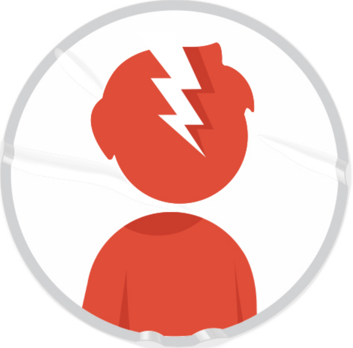
YOUR TEEN IS PROTECTED FROM MenB

WHY IS PROTECTION IMPORTANT?

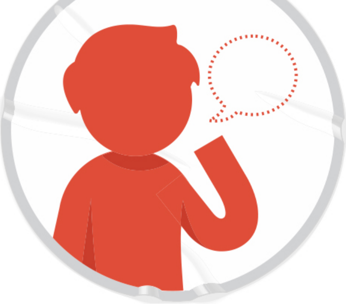
MenB is uncommon, but the consequences **can be severe**. It progresses quickly and can lead to **death within 24 hours**. For those who survive, MenB can cause permanent disabilities including:



Hearing loss



Brain damage



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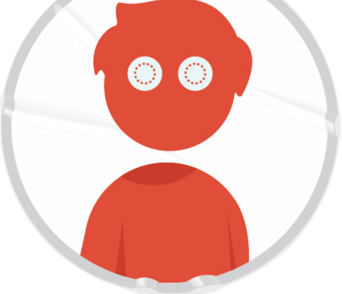

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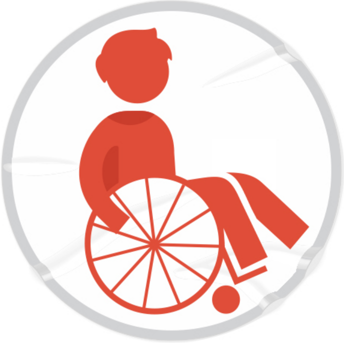
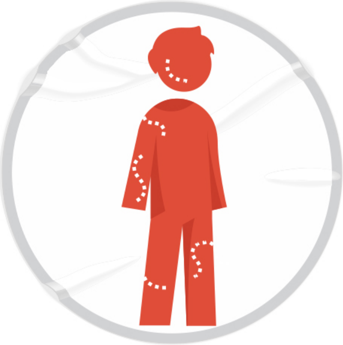


Amputation and motor impairment



Skin scarring

In adolescents and young adults, the incidence of MenB **peaks at age 19**, so if your child is **between the ages of 16 and 23** they may be at higher risk.

ASK YOUR TEEN'S DOCTOR AT THEIR NEXT CHECKUP OR IMMUNIZATION VISIT:

Is my teen protected against **all common forms** of meningococcal meningitis (**MenACWY + MenB**)?

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