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- If you are concerned about your baby's health at any time, then trust your instincts and speak to your GP or call NHS 111 in England and 0845 46 47 in Wales for advice.
- If your baby still has a fever more than 48 hours after vaccination you should speak to your GP or call NHS 111 in England and 0845 46 47 in Wales for advice.

The advice in this leaflet only applies if your baby has had the MenB vaccine. If your baby has a fever at any other time you should follow the instructions and dose advice on the product packaging and patient information leaflet.

If a sachet of paracetamol is provided during your baby's immunisation visit, a manufacturer's patient information leaflet will be made available to you on request: www.medicines.org.uk/emc/PIL_21912/latest.pdf

Other common questions:

Should I wake my baby to give paracetamol?

You should always try and give the first dose of paracetamol as soon as possible after the MenB vaccine. However if your baby is sleeping when the next doses are due, don't wake them up. You can give it when the baby next wakes as long as there is at least four hours between each dose.

Is it OK for small babies to have paracetamol?

Paracetamol is approved for managing fever in children from the age of two months. The patient information leaflet that comes with the pack may say that children aged two to three months should only be given two doses before talking to a doctor or pharmacist.

Although paracetamol is safe in very young children, the advice on the packaging is there to avoid parents giving paracetamol to a child with an unexplained fever. Such a fever could be a sign of a serious infection and treating this for too long may delay a parent seeking medical help.

As fever after vaccination is common, however, experts have advised that it is OK to give paracetamol for up to 48 hours after the MenB vaccine without seeking medical advice. Fever in this time period is much more likely to be caused by the vaccine than by an infection. The paracetamol will also make your child feel better, and there is no risk of an over-dose provided you give no more than four 2.5ml doses in any 24 hour period.

The advice to give more than two doses of paracetamol to babies aged two to three months only applies after the baby has had the MenB vaccine. If your baby has a fever at any other time, you should follow the instructions and dose advice on the product packaging and patient information leaflet.

Why does the manufacturer's patient information leaflet (PIL) contain different information?

You will find a patient information leaflet (PIL) in the supply of paracetamol you purchase. The PIL with the infant paracetamol suspension 120mg/5ml may provide different dosing instructions from the experts' recommendations for use following MenB vaccination. Here, in this leaflet, we give the details of the specific recommendations for the use of paracetamol following a MenB vaccination. For full information about the paracetamol product, please see the manufacturer's PIL.

Does my baby need paracetamol with the booster vaccinations at 12 months?

By the age of 12 months your baby's risk of fever after MenB vaccine is the same as with the other vaccines. So, your baby does not need to take three doses of paracetamol with their routine 12 month vaccinations. However, if your baby does get fever at home or appears to be in discomfort, you can give your baby infant paracetamol using the dosing schedule for a child of that age as outlined on the instructions in the packet.

HOW TO USE THE INFANT PARACETAMOL SACHET THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY YOUR PRACTICE NURSE



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

- **Step 1**
Cut or tear the top off the sachet
- **Step 2**
Put the syringe into the sachet and pull the plunger up to draw up the paracetamol to the 2.5ml mark
- **Step 3**
Give all the paracetamol in the syringe by placing the syringe inside baby's mouth against the cheek and press the plunger slowly to gently release the medicine