

PREGNANCY

# Tdap Vaccination

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Booster vaccination  
against diphtheria,  
tetanus and pertussis  
(whooping cough).

Speak to your healthcare provider

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# PREGNANT WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW?

- Only you can give your baby protection against whooping cough (pertussis) before your little one is even born.
- You can have the vaccination with every pregnancy.

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# PROTECTION FROM WHOOPING COUGH

- Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory disease. It is caused by the bacterium **Bordetella Pertussis**.
- It is uncontrollable, violent coughing which often makes it hard to breathe

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



# WHY Tdap?

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- By immunising the mother in pregnancy, the baby can be protected from whooping cough.
  - The mother passes high levels of antibodies to her baby before birth.
  - These antibodies help protect the baby against whooping cough in those first months of life.



# TWO-WAY PROTECTION

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- Antibodies produced by the mother following immunisation and are passed to the baby across the placenta.
- The mother is protected from catching whooping cough and passing it to her baby.



# TIMING OF INJECTION

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CDC recommends all women receive a Tdap vaccine during the **27th through the 36th** week of each pregnancy, preferably during the earlier part of this time period.

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# COMMON RESPONSES

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- Pain and swelling around the injection site may prevent normal everyday activities for 24-48 hours.
- Headache or nausea
- Muscle or joint stiffness or pain.

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