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### **Normal Side Effect of Vaccines**

- Your baby may experience **fever** in the first 48 hours after the vaccines. Acetaminophen (for example, **Tylenol**) may be given every 4 hours
- Your baby may experience **irritability** in the first 48 hours after the vaccines. Acetaminophen may be given every 4 hours for discomfort
- Your baby may be extra **sleepy** in the first 48 hours after the vaccines. This is normal as long as your baby is waking to feed
- Your baby may experience **redness** at the site of the injection. This may last 3-4 days and is more likely with each successive round of vaccines. Warm compress, bathing, and acetaminophen may soothe any discomfort
- Your baby may develop a **lump** under the skin where the injection occurred. This is due to bleeding under the skin. It may take several weeks for the body to reabsorb the blood. The lump may persist, but it is not permanent

### **Call us during REGULAR office hours if:**

- Fever lasts more than 48 hours after the vaccines are given
- Redness at the injection site appears to be spreading

### **Call us URGENTLY if:**

- Your baby is not waking to feed
- Your baby has been crying inconsolably for 2 hours or more and you've already tried giving acetaminophen and using warm compress
- Something else not mentioned above is alarming to you

### **FEVER--Ages 2-6 Months:**

Now that your baby is 2 months old, he/she has a much stronger immune system than he/she had as a newborn. It is OK to give acetaminophen (for example, Tylenol) at home if your baby has a fever as long as he/she is still alert and waking for feeds.

**Call us during REGULAR office hours if:**

- Your baby is persistently having fever over 100.5 for 24 hours. A rectal temperature is the most accurate measurement in babies this age
- You are concerned that your baby is eating a lot less but is still wetting diapers at least every 6 hours
- Your baby is very congested and having trouble eating/sleeping due to trouble breathing through the nose

**Call us URGENTLY if:**

- Your baby seems to be breathing very fast. It is, however, normal to breathe somewhat faster when a baby's temperature is elevated. The breathing rate should come down as the temperature comes down. If it doesn't, call immediately. Babies from 2-6 months of age normally breathe up to 40 times a minute
- Your baby is lethargic and does not want to drink even when temperature comes down
- Something about how your baby looks seems abnormal and alarms you

**\*\*It is a good sign if your baby is alert and will still give you a smile.** Remember that fever is your body's way of helping to fight infection. Fever will never cause brain damage in a normal change. There is **no specific number** where fever becomes dangerous, but it is uncomfortable. There is no need to wake a sleeping child to treat fever. If they are sleeping, they are comfortable and working to heal themselves.

**Acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol) Dosing As Infant Drops (160 mg/5 ml)**

Weight (lb)	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-35
Dosage -- every 4 hrs as needed	1.25 ml (40 mg)	2.5 ml (80 mg)	3.75 ml (120 mg)	5 ml (160 mg)