
Table 2.1.4: False contraindications to vaccination

The following conditions are *not* contraindications to any of the vaccines in the National Immunisation Program schedule:

- mild illness without fever ($T < 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$)
 - family history of any adverse events following immunisation
 - past history of convulsions
 - treatment with antibiotics
 - treatment with locally acting (inhaled or low-dose topical) steroids
 - replacement corticosteroids
 - asthma, eczema, atopy, hay fever or 'snuffles'
 - previous infection with the same pathogen
 - prematurity (vaccination should not be postponed and can be given if the infant is medically stable). Refer also to 3.3.2 *Vaccination of women who are planning pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding, and preterm infants*.
 - history of neonatal jaundice
 - low weight in an otherwise healthy child
 - neurological conditions, including cerebral palsy and Down syndrome
 - contact with an infectious disease
 - child's mother is pregnant
 - child to be vaccinated is being breastfed
 - woman to be vaccinated is breastfeeding
 - recent or imminent surgery (refer also to 3.3.6 *Vaccination before or after anaesthesia/surgery*)
 - poorly documented vaccination history.
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