



INFORMATION ON VACCINATIONS THAT TAKE PLACE IN ITALY

We inform you that in Italy, as well as throughout the European Union, all people are vaccinated against many infectious diseases that can cause serious health problems and even death. Vaccinations protect very well against all these diseases and are therefore given to both children and adults.

The most important vaccinations are often done in groups with just 1 injection, which however often needs to be repeated 2 or even 3 times to give protection for 10 years or even more.

The most important groups of vaccinations are those listed below.

Vaccination against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, polio. Tetanus is a very serious infectious disease that can occur through wounds. The disease cannot be cured and always leads to death, while vaccination is the only way to protect yourself with certainty from the disease. Diphtheria is a serious respiratory disease, frequently fatal; in Italy there are no longer sick people because all Italian people have been vaccinated. Whooping cough is another respiratory disease, although less serious than diphtheria. Poliomyelitis is a very serious infectious disease that affects the nervous system, causing paralysis that can prevent the patient from walking for life and also from moving his arms or breathing without difficulty. Vaccination against these 4 diseases is done with a **cycle of 3 doses over 6-12 months**. It is possible that you have never been vaccinated in your country even as a child, given that these infectious diseases are still widespread in several countries in Africa and Asia.

Vaccination against hepatitis B. Hepatitis B is an infectious disease caused by a virus, widespread throughout the world, but especially in Asia and Africa. It can cause acute inflammation of the liver which manifests itself as jaundice and which can also be severe and prolonged; the disease can also become chronic causing cirrhosis or liver cancer, which leads to the death of almost 1 million people every year worldwide. Hepatitis B vaccination can be done with a **cycle of 3 doses over 6-12 months**. It is likely that you have never been vaccinated in your Country, even as a child.

Vaccination against measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox. They are 4 very contagious infectious diseases that are transmitted from person to person via the respiratory route; they cause very high fever, red spots or blisters all over the body, cough or other respiratory infections, sometimes with serious complications or even encephalitis and death. It is likely that you have already had some of these diseases, because they are very common, but we cannot be certain that you have had them all; you've probably never been vaccinated. Vaccination against these 4 diseases is done with a **cycle of 2 doses**.

Vaccination against the Papillomavirus (HPV). The *Papillomavirus* is transmitted sexually and is extremely widespread throughout the world. A serious consequence that the Papillomavirus can cause is uterine cancer in women, which occurs many years after infection and can lead to death. For this reason, in Italy the vaccination against the Papillomavirus is given to all females up to the age of 25 and up to this age it is therefore also recommended for all women entering Italy. Vaccination against the Papillomavirus can be done with a **cycle of 3 doses over 6-12 months**. It is almost certain that you have never been vaccinated in your Country.