

FREE WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE¹



I will be
28 weeks
pregnant on: _____

My vaccination will be
done by:

[healthcare professional's name]

Their phone number is:

I've made an
appointment:



Whooping cough is a contagious disease that spreads easily, and it can be life-threatening for infants.¹

Babies aren't fully immunised until after five months old. Therefore, it's important that you get immunised when you're between 28 and 38 weeks pregnant. Even if you were immunised during a previous pregnancy, you need to have the vaccine again.¹

It's FREE for all pregnant women, every pregnancy as part of the government funded National Immunisation Programme.

Make an appointment with your doctor or practice nurse when you reach 28 weeks.



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Combined diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (dTpa) vaccine

1. Ministry of Health. Immunisation Handbook 2017 (2nd edition, March 2018). Wellington: Ministry of Health.

Available at <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/immunisation-handbook-2017-2nd-ed-mar18-v4.html> Accessed 20 March 2019.

Boostrix[®] (combined diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (dTpa or Tdap) vaccine) is available as an injection. *Boostrix* is for booster immunisation of people aged 4 years and older against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). *Boostrix* is government funded for 11 year olds as part of the national immunisation schedule, and for pregnant women between 28 and 38 weeks gestation. (Category B1). It is also available as a private-purchase prescription medicine – you will have to pay normal doctor's visit fees and a prescription charge. A trained pharmacist can also administer *Boostrix* to a person aged 18 years and older. A 0.5 mL dose contains not less than 2.5 LfU of diphtheria toxoid, not less than 5 LfU of tetanus toxoid, and three purified antigens of Bordetella pertussis (8mcg of pertussis toxoid, 8 mcg of filamentous haemagglutinin, and 2.5 mcg of 69 kDa outer membrane protein). Tell your healthcare professional if you are pregnant or breastfeeding to be informed of the benefits and risks of *Boostrix*. **Boostrix should not be administered if** you or your child are hypersensitive to any component of this vaccine or similar vaccines, or have had swelling or disease of the brain after previous pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination, or any problems with blood clotting or the nervous system (such as spasms, epilepsy and brain disease) after earlier immunisation against diphtheria or tetanus. **Common side effects** include fever, irritability, fatigue, malaise, headache, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea, and local reactions such as pain, redness, bruising, itching, or swelling at the injection site. If you or your child have side effects, see your doctor, pharmacist, or health professional. Additional Consumer Medicine Information for *Boostrix* is available at www.medsafe.govt.nz. **Ask your doctor if Boostrix is right for you or your child.** *Boostrix* is a registered trade mark of the GlaxoSmithKline group of companies. Marketed by GlaxoSmithKline NZ Limited, Auckland. **Adverse events involving GlaxoSmithKline products should be reported to GSK Medical Information on 0800 808 500.** TAPS NA10936 PM-NZ-BOO-CRD-19APR001. GSK00771