

# Get Vaccinated for Pertussis

FOR PATIENTS



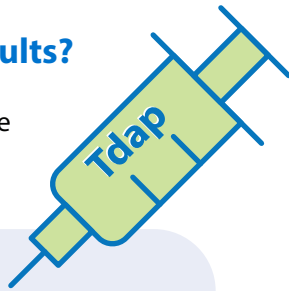
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccinating both children and adults to help prevent whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.

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### What is the name of the pertussis vaccine for adults?

Ask your medical provider for the Tdap vaccine.



### When should I get the pertussis vaccine?

Adults should get at least one dose of the pertussis vaccine.

Ask your medical provider if the pertussis vaccine is right for you:

- If you are pregnant
- If you have had any previous neurological conditions

### How is the shot given in adults?

The pertussis vaccine is given in the upper arm, in the deltoid muscle.



### Does the vaccine work?

The pertussis vaccine is effective, but protection decreases with time.



**REMEMBER TO GET YOUR Tdap VACCINE IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD AN ADULT SHOT YET.**

### Can the pertussis vaccine cause pertussis disease?

No, this vaccine is not a live vaccine, so it will not cause you to get the disease.

It will help you build your immunity to the disease.



### What should I expect after my shot?

Possible reactions include:

- Mild tenderness
- Mild soreness
- Mild redness at the injection site area
- Low-grade fever

If you experience more severe symptoms, please contact your health care provider.

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