Get Vaccinated for Pertussis

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

MANY PATIENTS ASK...

**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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