

Methods of immunization

active:

- natural - during infection
- vaccination - e.g. tetanus toxoid

passive:

- natural - maternal IgG
- passive immunization - tetanus antitoxin

Antigenic preparations in vaccines

- Live, attenuated microbe e.g. *M. bovis* (BCG)
- Killed/inactivated microbe e.g. *Salmonella typhi*
- Toxoid (inactivated toxin) e.g. *Clostridium tetani*
- Subunit vaccines
 - surface antigens e.g. hepatitis B virus
 - capsular polysaccharide e.g. *Haemophilus influenzae*

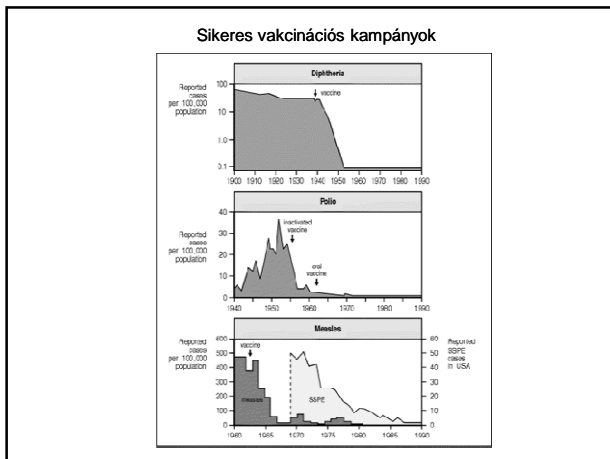
Live attenuated vaccine	Non-live vaccine types
Mimics natural infection	Single dose – single antigenic stimulus
Single dose is sufficient	Multiple doses + booster stimulations
Low infectious doses required, it will replicate in the body it can spread to other persons	High amount of antigen required
risk of virulent reversion	infectious safety
Storage conditions are critical	Less specific and cheaper storage
Apply at the natural portal of entry	Parenteral administration
Elicits complete immunity (sIgA, cell mediated immunity)	Elicits only serum IgG antibodies

FIGURE 1. Recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0–6 years — United States, 2007

Vaccine	Age	Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	19–23 months	2–3 years	4–6 years
Hepatitis B ¹		HepB		HepB	See footnote 1					HepB		HepB Series
Rotavirus ²				Rota	Rota	Rota						
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis ³			DTaP	DTaP	DTaP				DTaP			DTaP
Haemophilus influenzae type b ⁴			Hib	Hib	Hib ⁴			Hib				Hib
Pneumococcal ⁵			PCV	PCV	PCV			PCV				PCV PPV
Inactivated Poliovirus			IPV	IPV				IPV				IPV
Influenza ⁶										Influenza (Yearly)		
Measles, Mumps, Rubella ⁷										MMR		MMR
Varicella ⁸										Varicella		Varicella
Hepatitis A ⁹										HepA (2 doses)		HepA Series
Meningococcal ¹⁰												MPSV4

FIGURE 2. Recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 7–10 years — United States, 2007

Vaccine	Age	7–10 years	11–12 YEARS	13–14 years	15 years	16–18 years
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis ¹		See footnote 1	Tdap			Tdap
Human Papillomavirus ²		See footnote 2	HPV (3 doses)			HPV Series
Meningococcal ³		MPSV4		MCV4		MCV4 ³
Pneumococcal ⁴			PPV			MCV4
Influenza ⁵			Influenza (Yearly)			
Hepatitis A ⁶			HepA Series			
Hepatitis B ⁷			HepB Series			
Inactivated Poliovirus ⁸			IPV Series			
Measles, Mumps, Rubella ⁹			MMR Series			
Varicella ¹⁰			Varicella Series			



Preventive effect of vaccines

- either infectious immunity (e.g. MMR):
The microbial colonization & replication is prevented in the immunized host.
- or only the clinical disease is prevented, but the microbe can replicate in the host and spread between the hosts (e.g. diphtheria toxoid)

Herd immunity

- In case of high level infectious immunity (>95%-98%), the non-immune members of the population are **virtually protected** due to lack of infectious source.
- see vaccination compliance, vaccination at increased infectious risk such as travel, certain occupations !

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Passive immunization

- Immunoglobulin transfer
origin : human or animal
- Specific immunoglobulin preparations
e.g. tetanus (TETIG)
botulism, diphtheria
hepatitis B virus
tick-borne encephalitis)
- Normal immunoglobulin (only human)
e.g. hepatitis A virus (in endemic area)

Serum sickness

- Allergic reaction upon heterologous (animal) immunoglobulin preparation
- Manifestation:
 1. Immediate (anaphylactic shock – animal/human)
 2. Early (after 2-3 days, type III. hypersensitivity)
 3. Late (after 10-12 days, type III. hypersensitivity)
 4. Atopic serum sickness
already after 1st application of the preparation
type I. hypersensitivity