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**Protect your
BABY.
Have the
whooping cough
vaccine**



Why do I need this vaccine? To protect your baby. Since mid-2011 there has been an increase in whooping cough activity in the UK. There have been confirmed cases across all age groups, but the impact has been worst in children under 2 months of age including the deaths of 9 infants too young to be vaccinated. Similar situations have occurred in both the USA and Australia.

What is the vaccine? Repevax Vaccine is a low-dose diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) which is routinely used in the UK childhood immunisation programme (as a pre-school booster).

Is the vaccine safe for my baby & myself? Whooping Cough vaccine (as Repevax) has been used in the UK childhood immunisation programme since 2004 and has an excellent safety record. Whooping Cough vaccine has been administered to pregnant women in the USA for several years and available data does not show any higher frequency of unusual patterns or adverse events in pregnant women who received tetanus, diphtheria & whooping cough vaccines. UK experts have looked at this data and concluded it is safe for use in pregnancy and strongly recommend its use—hence this national programme.

How will the vaccine protect my baby? The vaccine works by boosting antibodies in women during late pregnancy (28 weeks onwards), so that protective whooping cough specific antibodies are passed from the mother to her baby—preventing disease. This protection should last until the routine childhood immunisation programme, which includes whooping cough vaccine, starts at 8 weeks of age.

I'm less than 28 weeks pregnant — why can't I have the vaccination now? The protective antibodies generated by the vaccine only last a relatively short period of time. The vaccine is offered in late pregnancy (from 28 weeks) so they should last until the routine childhood immunisation

Can the vaccine give me whooping cough? No, because none of the components of the vaccine are living, the vaccine cannot cause whooping cough or any of the other diseases it protects against.

Are there any contraindications to the vaccine? Yes. If you've had a serious allergic (anaphylactic) reaction to a previous dose of Repevax or any of the vaccines components you should discuss vaccination with your Midwife or GP. If you have an acute infection we will suggest deferring vaccination for a couple of days until you have recovered. Being on antibiotics is not necessarily a contraindication—you should discuss this with your Midwife or GP.

What are the side-effects? A small red swelling (about the size of a 10p) may develop (at the injection site) within 4-8 hours. It usually disappears after 24 – 48 hours. Underneath this there may be a small lump, which is nothing to be concerned about & should be left alone. This red swelling is more likely to occur if you have received a recent tetanus vaccination. Approximately, 1 in 100 individuals may develop a mildly raised temperature lasting for a couple of days following immunisation—this does not usually require treatment.

Can I have this vaccination at the same time as my flu jab? If you are 28 weeks or over whooping cough (as Repevax) and flu vaccinations can be given at the same appointment. If you are less than 28 weeks pregnant you will be offered your flu vaccine first and a whooping cough (as Repevax) vaccination later in your pregnancy (i.e. when you reach 28 weeks).

Vaccination against influenza **should not** be delayed to be given alongside whooping cough.

I'd like to think about it/discuss with my partner — can I have it at a later date? Yes, but ideally you should be vaccinated at least 1-2 weeks before you deliver so that sufficient antibodies will be able to cross the placenta and protect your baby.

What if I am beyond 38 weeks — should I receive the vaccine?

We will still recommend vaccination beyond 38 weeks because although your antibodies are unlikely to protect baby (they take 10-14 days to develop). The vaccine will prevent you getting whooping cough and passing it on to your baby.