

# ABCs Of Childhood Vaccines



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**T**he ABCs of Childhood Vaccines is a slide series that explains in everyday words and concepts, major facts about childhood vaccines. These PowerPoint slides are designed for parents and others who have a special interest in childhood vaccines. The five parts can be presented together or used independently. They focus on:

- ▶ **How Vaccines Work**
- ▶ **Vaccine Safety**
- ▶ **Natural Immunity**
- ▶ **Primary Vaccines**
- ▶ **Risks Of Not Vaccinating**

**T**hrough the use of colorful images and animated graphics, the modules guide people through the science of vaccines and immunizations. They introduce them to vaccine benefits and risks, vaccine safety, and the processes used to ensure vaccine safety. Users will find information on topics such as:

- ▶ **Vaccine safety research, including the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System**
- ▶ **The ways vaccines protect individuals and their community (“Community Immunity”)**
- ▶ **The benefits and risks of immunization**
- ▶ **How vaccines are tested**
- ▶ **Ensuring vaccine safety**

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The ABCs Of Childhood Vaccines can be accessed by the public directly or used as a teaching tool by healthcare providers to give the facts about vaccines. You can view and download it by going to the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/nip](http://www.cdc.gov/nip)