

# MEDSIN POR SMOL PIKININI

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## Wun em Tubukulosi [TB sik]?

Tubukulosi sik gor affect bodi blo yumi. E kum out lo lung blo you, nem blo em pulmineri Tubukulosi. Youmpla lucki in Queensland, but e gud all nutha pipel, so e go happen sometime. TB mina nu good, yu muss look dokta. Dokta gud medsin por pinis TB sik.

## How I gor stup TB sik prom gor roun?

Yumi mus stupp e coff, sneeze luff or tok ip the TB e wer you. Yu kun kes em prom undel all sumting lo aus. E nor pam le sik. E cun uppen to enibodi. Tha sik no care bout utha yu.

## E gud medsin por TB au?

Nem blo medsin e BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Guerin).

## Medsin e por uda?

Nor ebri pikinini. Medsin por :

- Pikinini blo Torres Strait un Aboriginal wer e gud TB risk
- Smol pikinini unda 5 year old bin lo Torres Strait un Aboriginal ples por 3 months or mor. Ip yu gor stup for less 3 months but e gud plenti risk blo TB sik, e gud nid por BCG nidil un thempla gor look wis wei and tok por TB clinic.
- Ip pam le gud 'leprusi' (leprosy)
- Pikinini under 5 year old but em gor por ples gud high TB numba, por 3 months or mor. Ip yu gor stup less 3 month but e gud risk por TB sik, yu gor need BCG nidil. Dokta and Clinic gor look wis wek.

\* Look intanet por ples gud TB sik [www.health.qld.gov.au/chrisp/tuberculosis/high\\_risk\\_index.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/chrisp/tuberculosis/high_risk_index.asp)

## Wer I gor por medsin por pikinini gud TB sik?

Nidil medsin dokta gor gib you in TB Control Unit at ples klose por you. Ip bubba need BCG nidil, nurs look out bubba gor spik the TB clinic and thempla gor ring yu upta bubba e born with time por look dokta at BCG clinic. Ip you nor listin prom clinic in 1 month upta bubba born, or ip you gud kwestin bout BCG, muss ring gor por unit.

## TB elth clinics (Health Clinic) ya lo Queensland.

Ples	Pon	Ples	Pon
Metro South Clinical TB Service Princess Alexandra Hospital (Brisbane)	3176 4141	Cairns TB Control Unit Cairns Base Hospital	4226 6240
Rockhampton TB Control Unit Rockhampton Base Hospital	4920 6211	Townsville TB Control Unit Townsville General Hospital	4433 2860
Toowoomba TB Control Unit Toowoomba Hospital	4616 6445		

# BCG Vaccination for Children Aged Less Than Five Years

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## What is Tuberculosis (TB)?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection that can affect almost any part of the body but is most common in the lungs - a form called pulmonary tuberculosis. It is well controlled in Queensland. However, TB has not been eradicated from any place in the world, so numbers of new cases do occur. Tuberculosis can be a very serious disease if it is not diagnosed and treated properly. Nowadays, it can be cured by medications if taken as prescribed by your doctor.

## How is TB spread?

TB is spread by droplets from an infected person when they cough, sneeze, laugh or speak.

## Is there a vaccination for TB?

The vaccination is known as BCG. It is called BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Geurin) after the two people who discovered the vaccine. The BCG vaccination is free of charge for those eligible.

## Who needs the vaccination?

Not all children require the BCG vaccination, but it is recommended for the following populations:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island neonates living in regions of high TB incidence
- Children aged less than five years who will live in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities for a period of three months or more. In situations where the intended length of stay is less than three months but the risk of exposure to TB may be high, the need for BCG vaccination should be assessed in consultation with an experienced TB clinician.
- Neonates born to parents with leprosy or a family history of leprosy
- Children aged less than five years who will be travelling to high TB incidence countries\* for a period of three months or more. In situations where the intended length of stay is less than three months but the risk of exposure to TB may be high, the need for BCG vaccination should be assessed in consultation with an experienced TB clinician.

\* A list of countries with a high risk of TB is available at [www.health.qld.gov.au/chrisp/tuberculosis/high\\_risk\\_index.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/chrisp/tuberculosis/high_risk_index.asp)

## Where do I go to get the vaccination?

Vaccinations are given in a Tuberculosis Control Unit at one of the locations listed below. Your obstetrician or registered nurse at the hospital will help you decide if your baby requires the BCG vaccination. The maternity unit will usually inform the local TB Control Unit, who will contact you after your baby is born with an appointment to go to one of the BCG clinics. If you have not heard from a clinic within one month after your baby's birth, or if you have any questions about the BCG, please contact your nearest unit.

## Further Information

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