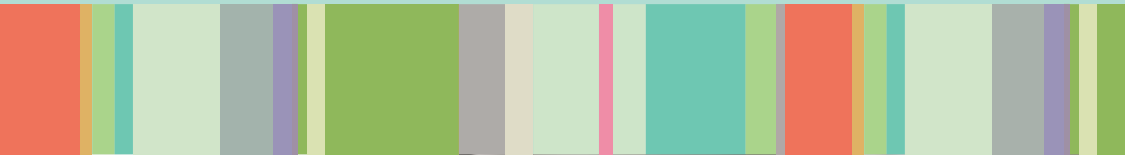


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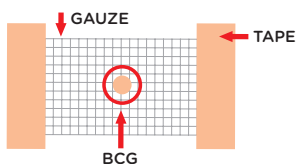
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What to expect after your baby receives the BCG vaccine

In **1-6 weeks**, a small, red blister may appear where the injection was given. This should heal in a few weeks.

After **6-12 weeks**, the blister may turn into a small, weeping sore. If this happens, cover the site with gauze to allow air to get in. **Do not use sticking plasters.**

The sore may take up to 3 months to heal, and may leave a small scar. This is normal.



How to care for the vaccination site

- Keep the site clean and dry
- If a sore develops, cover the site with gauze to allow air to get in.



Do not **squeeze or scratch** the site.



Do not **put a sticking plaster** over the site.



Do not use **ointments, oils, or herbs** on the site.



Do not **rub or massage** the site.

If you have any concerns or need information about TB or the BCG vaccine, please contact your Public Health Nurse.

NAME OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: _____

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For any questions or concerns you have after hours please call Healthline on 0800 611 116