

BCG Vaccine

After care for parents

How to look after the BCG vaccination site



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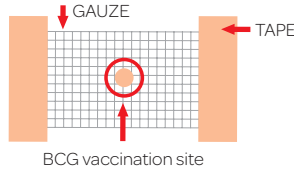
What to expect after your child receives the BCG vaccine

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: _____

Phone: _____

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