

# BCG Vaccine

After care for parents

How to look after the BCG vaccination site



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their best protection

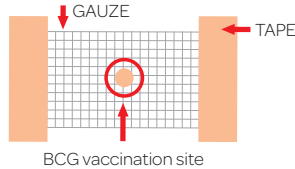
## What to expect after your child receives the BCG vaccine

**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.