

Know the Rotavirus Vaccine Schedule

Information Based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommendations

Minimum and Maximum Ages

- 1) Do not start the rotavirus vaccine series before 6 weeks of age.
- 2) Do not start the rotavirus vaccine series after a child has reached 14 weeks, 6 days. In other words, if the child is 15 weeks of age do not start the rotavirus series, because of insufficient data on the safety of the 1st dose in older infants.
- 3) Do not give any dose of rotavirus vaccine after a child reaches 8 months of age (8 months, 0 days) because of insufficient data on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine in infants this age.

Possible Rotavirus Vaccine Schedules

The ACIP recommends routine rotavirus vaccination of infants in the U.S. according to the following schedules (dependent upon which brand of vaccine is used) and does not express a preference for one brand over the other.

1) RotaTeq[®] Schedule:

A primary series of **RotaTeq is three doses** at 2, 4, and 6 months of age for a total of 3 doses.

2) Rotarix[®] Schedule:

A primary series of **Rotarix is two doses** at 2 and 4 months of age for a total of 2 doses.

3) Unknown type of rotavirus vaccine given at 2 or 4 months or a mixed schedule (both types used):

If you do not know what type of rotavirus vaccine the child received at 2 or 4 months of age or if any dose was RotaTeq a dose must be given at 6 months of age for a total of 3 doses. The third dose may be either RotaTeq or Rotarix whichever vaccine you have in the refrigerator.

Rotavirus Schedules	Primary Series		
	2 months	4 months	6 months
All doses Rotarix Schedule	Rotarix #1	Rotarix #2	None
	<i>Minimum age for 1st dose is 6 weeks</i>	<i>Must be at least 4 weeks after 1st dose</i>	
	<i>Do not give 1st dose after 14 weeks, 6 days of age</i>	<i>Do not give final dose after 8 months, 0 days of age</i>	
All doses RotaTeq Schedule	RotaTeq #1	RotaTeq #2	RotaTeq #3
	<i>Minimum age for 1st dose is 6 weeks</i>	<i>Must be at least 4 weeks after 1st dose</i>	<i>Must be at least 4 weeks after 2nd dose</i>
	<i>Do not give 1st dose after 14 weeks, 6 days of age</i>		<i>Do not give final dose after 8 months, 0 days of age</i>
Schedule if type of rotavirus vaccine is unknown or both types are used	Dose #1	Dose #2	Dose #3
	Unknown type	Unknown type	Either type
	<i>Minimum age for 1st dose is 6 weeks</i>	<i>Must be at least 4 weeks after 1st dose</i>	<i>Must be at least 4 weeks after 2nd dose</i>
	<i>Do not give 1st dose after 14 weeks, 6 days of age</i>		<i>Do not give final dose after 8 months, 0 days of age</i>