



Chickenpox

For parents of infants & young children

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Chickenpox

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Cause

Chickenpox is a contagious viral infection in which a person develops itchy blisters all over the body.



Impact

Children with chickenpox can miss an average of 5-6 days of school which may include absence from exams. Parents too may miss work to care for their



Prevention

Preventive measures include vaccination, avoid contact with infected person, regular hand washing.



Age of vaccination

12 months onwards. Consult your doctor for chickenpox vaccination.

CHICKENPOX (VARICELLA)

What is Chickenpox (Varicella)?



Chickenpox is a contagious viral infection in which a person develops itchy blisters all over the body.

How is Chickenpox (Varicella) transmitted?



The virus spreads easily from people with chickenpox to others who have never had the disease or been vaccinated through -

- Close contact with open blisters
- When infected person coughs, sneezes or talks
- From mother to her unborn child via placenta

What are the symptoms and complications of Chickenpox (Varicella)?



The symptoms of chickenpox are as below:

- Mild to severe fever
- Loss of appetite
- Rash that turn into itchy fluid filled blisters
- Blisters eventually turn into scabs

Serious but rare complications of chickenpox include bacterial super infections, scarring, pneumonia, central nervous system manifestations, bleeding problems.

What are the consequences of Chickenpox (Varicella) on me and my child?



- Chickenpox can lead to significant economic and social burden such as hospitalization, doctor visits, medication and distress for the family.
- Children with chickenpox can miss an average of 5-6 days of school and parents miss 3-4 days of work to care for their sick child.

How can I protect my child against Chickenpox (Varicella)?



- Chickenpox can be prevented by :
 - Keep yourself away from an infected person
 - Regularly wash infected clothes or bedding
 - Vaccination helps to protect against Chickenpox

What do I need to know about Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccination?



Chicken pox vaccine can be given in children over 1 year of age. Consult your doctor for more information on vaccination against chicken pox.

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