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PREVENTIVE MEDICAL
EXAMINATIONS AND
VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

For parents

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

Offer of medical examinations

In Denmark, the medical examinations offered to your child are specified by law.

The preventive medical examinations are intended to help children develop and lead healthy lives.

- Preventive health schemes for children and young people include services offered by:
 - the health visitor
 - the general practitioner
 - the school doctor
- The general practitioner and the health visitor monitor your child's development and health.

At all the medical examinations, it is possible to discuss your child's development, health and well-being.

Do you have any questions?

You can always ask your general practitioner or health visitor.

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Preventive medical examinations for children

- All children aged 0-5 are offered seven health examinations by the family's general practitioner.
- All children are offered free vaccination against a number of illnesses by the family's general practitioner.
- During the child's first 12 months of life, free home visits are offered by the health visitor.
- All schoolchildren are offered medical examinations by the school doctor or school nurse. Your child will normally be checked during his first and last years at school. The school nurse is in regular contact during your child's time at school.

Whether you want to have your child checked is entirely up to you.

The timing of the preventive health examinations by the family's general practitioner and at school, as well as the timing of the vaccinations, can be seen from the table.

Your general practitioner can tell you whether your child should be vaccinated and about any side effects.

The table shows when your child should be checked and vaccinated. Many of the vaccinations can be given in conjunction with a medical examination.

Age	Examination	Vaccination
5 weeks	✓	
3 months		DTaP/IPV/Hib + Pn
5 months	✓	DTaP/IPV/Hib + Pn
12 months	✓	DTaP/IPV/Hib + Pn
15 months		MMR 1
2 years	✓	
3 years	✓	
4 years	✓	MMR 2
5 years	✓	DTaP/IPV/Hib booster
6 years	✓ (at school)	
12 years		MMR 2 ¹ + HPV ²
15 years	✓ (at school)	

¹If two MMR vaccinations have not been given previously

²Applies only to girls. A total of three doses given over 6 months

About the vaccinations

DTaP/IPV/Hib + Pn vaccination

The vaccinations protect your child against:

- Diphtheria (severe sore throat)
- Tetanus
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (certain types of meningitis and epiglottitis)
- Pneumococcal disease (certain types of meningitis and other diseases)

MMR vaccination

The MMR vaccination protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles).

DTaP/IPV booster

Your child is vaccinated again against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio.

HPV vaccination

Protects girls against most cases of cervical cancer and genital warts.