

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

Possible immunisation reactions to the human papillomavirus vaccine:

Common side effects following immunisation are usually mild and last one to two days. Treatment is not usually required. Paracetamol and the placement of a cool, moist cloth over the injection site may assist with discomfort. If the side effect is uncommon, severe or persistent, or if you are worried about you or your child's condition, contact your doctor or hospital.

Common side effects:

- Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site
- Low grade temperature
- Feeling unwell
- Headache
- Five to 30 minutes following any vaccination, fainting may occur

Uncommon side effects:

- Rash or hives

Rare side effect:

- Severe allergic reaction, i.e. facial swelling, difficulty breathing.

In the event of a severe allergic reaction, please seek immediate medical attention.

It is recommended that anyone who has a rash or hives after a vaccine should discuss this with their immunisation provider before having further doses of that same vaccine.

Please contact your immunisation provider for further enquiries if required.