

Patient Product Information

BIOHIB®

(India's First Indigenously Developed Hib Vaccine)

Generic name: [Haemophilus Type b Conjugate Vaccine (Lyophilized)]

Read this information with care before getting BIOHIB®. You (the person getting BIOHIB®) will need 3 doses of the vaccine. It is important to read this leaflet when you get each dose. This leaflet does not take the place of talking with your health care provider about BIOHIB®.

What is BIOHIB® and what is it used for ?

BIOHIB® is a vaccine used for developing a strong immune response for your child to protect against the childhood illness caused by the bacterium *Haemophilus Influenzae* type b. The vaccine contains a non-infectious component from the bacterium, which makes your child develop antibodies against the infection

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) is a bacteria centric infectious disease. It spreads by breathing in droplets from infected people. Infants around 6 to 10 months old are especially at higher risk of severe illness and death. Those infected often develop meningitis (inflammation of the brain or spinal cord), bacterial infection of the blood and inflammation of the lungs. The disease can lead to deafness, fits and learning difficulties.

Important aspects to note before administering BIOHIB® ?

Prior to your child receiving BIOHIB® vaccine, there are certain details to follow up and have a check on. Please inform doctor or nurse before taking BIOHIB® if:

- your child has a fever or an infection.
- your child has ever fallen ill after being previously vaccinated against *Haemophilus Influenzae* type b.
- your child has any bleeding or blood disorders.
- Your child has any illness that may affect the immune system.
- Your child is taking other medicines or treatment which may comprise the immune system.
- You think your child has allergies to any ingredients in the vaccine.

How is BIOHIB[®] administered ?

The first vaccination should be given at two months of age; two further injections will be given at three and four months of age. And a fourth booster dose of vaccination should be administered as well, if this is in accordance with official recommendations.

0.5 ml of BIOHIB[®] vaccine is injected into a muscle.

What are the possible side effects from administering BIOHIB[®] ?

Like all medicines, BIOHIB[®] also can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them. However Hib conjugate vaccines are one of the safest vaccines available.

Local: Some vaccinated subjects develop local pain, redness and swelling. These are mild in nature and only last for 24-48 hours.

Systemic: Small proportion of children may develop fever which is mild, last for a day or two. Other side effects include loss of appetite, restlessness, excessive crying. Again these symptoms are mild and self-limiting.

In very rare cases allergic type reaction (Anaphylaxis, Pruritus and Urticaria) may be observed.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND ALL YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS TODAY.