



## Is your family at risk for pertussis?

Help protect your family against a serious disease and talk to your health-care professional about adult and adolescent immunization with Adacel vaccine.

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Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced  
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Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed  
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# Pertussis could be a threat to your family's health

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious disease that causes severe coughing that can last for several weeks.<sup>1</sup>



## Complications of pertussis may include:<sup>1</sup>

- Pneumonia
- Hospitalization
- Seizures
- Death

## Even if you received vaccination against pertussis as a child, you may still be at risk

- Immunity to pertussis wears off 5 to 10 years following childhood vaccination<sup>2</sup>

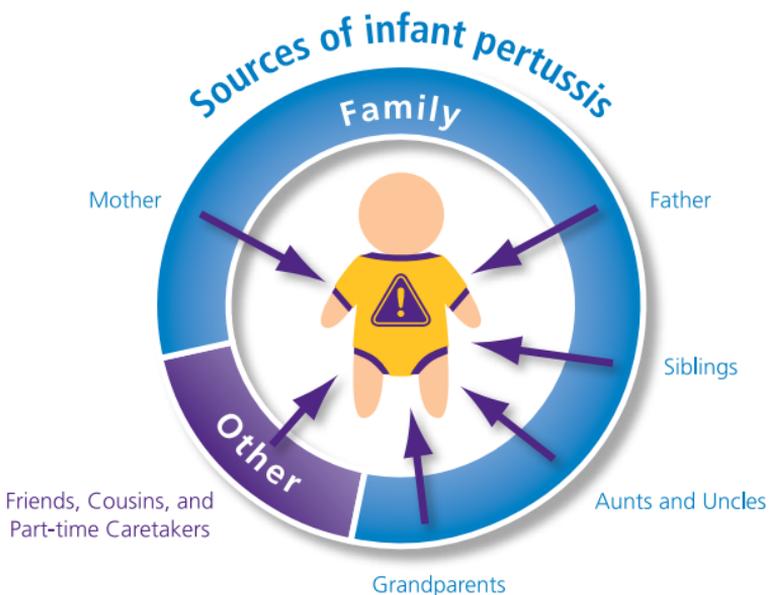
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## You and your family could spread pertussis to your infant<sup>3</sup>

Studies show that when the source can be identified, family members are the source in up to 83% of cases transmitted to infants<sup>3</sup>



- International multicenter study of 91 families<sup>3</sup>
  - Source cases were identified for 44 infants and described by relationship to the infant, age, and household status<sup>3</sup>

### Taking a few easy steps can help protect your family from pertussis

1. Make an appointment with your primary health-care professional to get vaccinated against pertussis
2. If you have children older than 11 years of age, talk to their health-care professional about vaccination as well
3. Encourage other family members and adults who have contact with your baby, such as babysitters, to get vaccinated

**Vaccination is one of the best ways to help protect against pertussis.**

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## **Mom, get immunized to help protect yourself and your family**

- 1.** Make an appointment with your primary health-care professional to get vaccinated against pertussis
- 2.** Detach this card and take it with you to your appointment
- 3.** Have your primary health-care professional complete the information
- 4.** Return the completed card to your infant's pediatrician



## **Dad, get immunized to help protect yourself and your family**

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# Help protect yourself and your family against pertussis

## Vaccination Referral for Tdap<sup>a</sup>

This patient received immunization with Tdap on:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Lot number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Did you know that babysitters can spread pertussis to the babies they look after?**

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**Did you know that adults can spread pertussis to vulnerable infants?**

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### INDICATION

Adacel vaccine is given as a single dose to people 11 through 64 years of age to help prevent tetanus (lockjaw), diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

### SAFETY INFORMATION

Side effects to Adacel vaccine include injection site pain, redness, and swelling; headache, body ache, tiredness, and fever. Other side effects may occur. Tell your doctor if you have ever experienced a severe brain disorder, such as encephalopathy (altered consciousness), Guillain-Barré syndrome (severe muscle weakness), or an Arthus-type reaction (severe, exaggerated swelling involving an injection site) after a previous dose of a tetanus toxoid- or pertussis-containing vaccine.

There is a small risk of allergic reactions. Some signs of allergic reactions are hives, swelling of the throat, low blood pressure, shock, and difficulty breathing. If you begin to experience any of these signs seek treatment right away. These reactions are rare and usually occur before leaving the doctor's office. If you notice any other problems or symptoms following vaccination, please contact your health-care professional promptly. The tip caps of the prefilled syringes may contain natural rubber latex, which may cause allergic reactions in latex sensitive individuals. Vaccination with Adacel vaccine may not protect all people receiving the vaccine.

For more information about Adacel vaccine, talk to your health-care professional and [click here](#) for Patient Information.



Adacel vaccine is manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur Limited and distributed by Sanofi Pasteur Inc.

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