



# Meningococcal vaccination for people in a special risk group

Meningococcal disease is a rare but serious disease that can cause significant illness, disability and death. Some people are at increased risk of meningococcal disease. Vaccination is strongly recommended for these people.

## No single vaccine protects against all serogroups

3 vaccines protect against serogroups A, C, W and Y

**MenACWY** vaccines

1 vaccine protects against serogroup B only

**MenB** vaccine

Risk group	Recommendation	Booster doses?
People with medical conditions that increase their risk of invasive meningococcal disease include those: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ with a complement deficiency ✓</li><li>▶ being treated with complement inhibitor therapy ✓</li><li>▶ with functional or anatomical asplenia ✓</li><li>▶ with HIV</li><li>▶ who have had a haematopoietic stem cell transplant</li></ul>	▶ MenB and MenACWY  Number of doses depends on the vaccine brand and the person's age when they start the vaccination course.	✓ Yes, if the risk is ongoing
Laboratory workers who work with <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	▶ MenB (2 doses) ▶ MenACWY (1 dose)	✓ Yes, if the risk is ongoing
Travellers to areas where meningococcal disease is more common	▶ MenACWY  Number of doses depends on the vaccine brand and the person's age when they start the vaccination course.	✓ Yes, if the risk is ongoing
Young adults living in close quarters (such as military recruits and people in student residences)	▶ MenB (2 doses) ▶ MenACWY (1 dose)	✗ No, unless other risk factors arise
Young adults who smoke	▶ MenB (2 doses) ▶ MenACWY (1 dose)	✗ No, unless other risk factors arise

✓ = vaccine funded under the National Immunisation Program