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Having a vaccine record is smart medicine

Vaccines can keep kids healthier

Vaccines help protect your child against serious illnesses. Like the measles and whooping cough.

Keeping a record of all the vaccines your child gets is a smart idea. When you register your child for day care, school, a sports team or camp, you will likely need a copy of this record.

Having a record also helps:

- Show your child's doctors which vaccines might be needed
- Protect your child from getting a vaccine that's not needed
- Prevent missing a recommended shot

Keep it safe, keep it handy

Ask your doctor for an official record of all vaccines your child has received. Store this record in a safe spot at home.

Then, take it with you to all of your child's doctor visits. It can remind you to:

- Ask if your child needs any new vaccines or booster shots
- Let your doctor know about medicine your child can't take

Make sure to get the record updated if your child gets any new shots. The nurse or doctor should list the vaccine types, the date given and who gave them.



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