

Vaccine Names and Abbreviations

Many vaccines are documented in an abbreviation and not by their full name. This page is designed to assist you in interpreting both old and new immunization records such as the yellow California Immunization Record, the International Certificate of Vaccination (Military issued shot record) or the Mexican Immunization Card described in the shaded sections.

Vaccine	Abbreviation/Name	What it Means	
Polio	Oral Polio OPV Orimune Trivalent Polio TOPV	oral poliovirus vaccine (no longer used in U.S.)	
	Sabin	oral poliovirus	
	Inactivated Polio eIPV IPOL IPV Pentacel Pediarix	injectable poliovirus vaccine combination vaccine: DTaP/Hib/IPV combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b and inactivated poliovirus (DTaP/IPV/Hep B)	
DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	DTP or DPT Tri-Immunol	combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (no longer available in U.S.)	
	Triple	combination vaccine: difteria, tétano, tos ferina (diphtheria, tetanus pertussis)	
	DT	combination vaccine: diphtheria and tetanus vaccine (infant vaccine without pertussis component used through age 6)	
	DTaP Acel-Imune Certiva Daptacel Infanrix Tripedia	combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis	
	Tdap Adacel Boostrix	combination vaccine: tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (improved booster vaccine containing pertussis for adolescents and adults)	
	DTP-Hib (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Haemophilus influenzae type b)	DTP-Hib ActHIB-DTP DTP-ActHib DTP/HbOC DTP-OmniHIB H-DTP OmniHIB-DTP Tetramune	combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and Haemophilus influenzae type b
	Cuadruple Also, "Quadruple"	combination vaccine: difteria, tétano, tos ferina, infecciones por H influenzae tipo b (DtaP-Hib: diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and Haemophilus influenzae type b)	

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DTaP-Hib (Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis and Haemophilus influenzae type b)	DTaP-Hib Act-HIB-Tripedia TriHIBit Tripedia-ActHIB	combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and Haemophilus influenzae type b (used only for 4 th dose in series)
Other DTaP/DTP Combinations	Pediarix Kinrix Pentacel	combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b and inactivated poliovirus (DTaP/IPV/Hep B) combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and inactivated poliovirus combination vaccine: DTaP/Hib/IPV
Hib Haemophilus influenzae type b	Pentavalente Pentavac Pentacoq Quadracel	combination vaccine: DTP/Hepatitis B/Hib (used in Mexico) combination vaccine: DTaP/Hib/IPV (used outside U.S.) combination vaccine: DTP/Hib/IPV (used outside U.S.) combination vaccine: DTaP/IPV (used outside U.S.)
	ActHIB HbOC HIB HibTITER OmniHIB OMP-PRP PedvaxHIB Pentacel ProHIBit PRP-D PRP-OMP PRP-T Comvax (Hepatitis B/Hib combo)	Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) Combination vaccine: : DTaP/Hib/IPV (refer to Hep B-Hib)
MMR Measles, Mumps And Rubella	MMR M-M-R II	combination vaccine: measles, mumps and rubella
	Anti-sarampión	measles-only vaccine
	Meas.	measles-only vaccine
	Triple Viral (SRP)	sarampión, rubéola, parotiditis o paperas (measles, rubella, mumps vaccine)
	MR	measles and rubella vaccine (without mumps)
	SR	sarampión/rubéola (measles/rubella)
MMRV Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella	ProQuad combination vaccine: measles, mumps rubella and varicella	

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Hepatitis B	Hep B Engerix Engerix-B HBV Heptavax Recombivax HB Recombivax Comvax Pediarix	(refer to Hep B-Hib) Combination vaccine: Hep B-Hib combination vaccine: diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b and inactivated poliovirus (DTaP/IPV/Hep B)
Hepatitis B-Hib	HBIG**	Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (given to newborns or children with possible exposure to Hepatitis B infection) DOES NOT count as dose of hepatitis B vaccine
	Hep B-Hib Comvax	combination vaccine: Hepatitis B/Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine
Varicella (chickenpox)	Varicella Var Varivax VZV ZOS	varicella (chickenpox) vaccine Varicella zoster vaccine Zoster (shingles) vaccine
Hepatitis A	Hep A Havrix VAQTA	Hepatitis A vaccine (not required for school or childcare entry)
Hepatitis A-Hepatitis B	Twinrix	combination vaccine: Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B adults (18 years and older) [used in U.S.]
	Twinrix Jr.	combination vaccine: Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B pediatric vaccine (used outside of U.S.)
HPV Human Papillomavirus	Gardasil	
Influenza Flu Vaccine	LAIV TIV	Live, Attenuated (weakened) Influenza Vaccine (nasal spray vaccine) Trivalent (Inactivated) Influenza Vaccine
MCV4 Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (quadravalent)	Menactra	Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine
MPSV4 Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (quadravalent)	Menomune	Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine
PCV7 Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (7-valent) PPV23 Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (23-valent)	Prevnar PCV7	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (7-valent) for children
	PPV PPV23	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (23-valent) for adults
Rotavirus	PRV Rotateq	Live oral Pentavalent Rotavirus Vaccines
	Rota Rotarix	Oral Rotavirus vaccine



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