

# IMOVAX® Polio Vaccine

## Information Sheet

(Polio Vaccine)

**IMOVAX® Polio is a vaccine that protects against poliomyelitis, a serious infection**

- It is used for children who have missed one or more doses of their routine infant and toddler immunizations, to ensure they are adequately protected against polio
- It is given as an injection in the upper arm
- It is safe and effective in 99 per cent of people

**Mild side effects may occur, such as:**

- Redness, swelling or discomfort at the injection site

Severe side effects are rare.

**People should delay or avoid this immunization if they:**

- Have ever had a severe reaction to a vaccine. It is best to speak with your health care provider when there are complicated health concerns or previous severe reactions to vaccines
- Have an allergy to neomycin, polymyxin B and streptomycin



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### **Poliomyelitis**

- Is also known as polio
- Is a serious disease that can result in permanent paralysis
- Has been eliminated in the western hemisphere, but is still causing severe illness in other parts of the world
- Can cause symptoms such as fever, feeling unwell, headache, nausea and vomiting, extreme muscle pains and spasms, stiffness of the neck and back, weakness, severe fatigue
- Is caused by a virus that is present in the feces and the throat secretions of infected people
- Is spread through eating or drinking food or water that is contaminated by the feces of an infected person, or through contact with the feces (i.e., diaper changes)
- Can also be spread through mouth and throat secretions (i.e., by kissing, sharing eating utensils)



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