

ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

The rotavirus vaccine is an oral vaccine that prevents severe vomiting and diarrhea.(1)



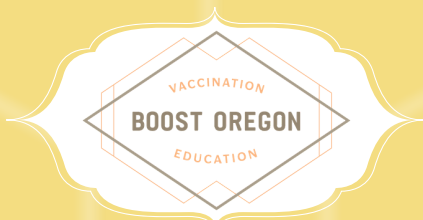
Rotavirus causes severe diarrhea in babies and young children. It may also cause vomiting and fever. Severe diarrhea and vomiting may lead to dehydration that requires hospitalization. (1,2)

Before the vaccine, 200,000 children in the U.S. went to the emergency room for rotavirus every year.(2)



Doctors recommend 2-3 doses (depending on brand) beginning at 2 months old. (2)

Possible side effects are irritability, mild diarrhea, or vomiting. Rarely, intussusception, where part of the intestine folds into the section ahead of it, can occur within a week of vaccination.(1,2)



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