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<p>What it is used for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection against serious infectious diseases
<p>How it works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunisations help body's natural defence mechanism (immune response) make antibodies that protect against certain germs • If most people in a community are immunised, they can help to stop serious infection and sickness in people with low immunity, like babies and old people
<p>Side effects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be different side effects for each immunisation — see <i>Australian Immunisation Handbook</i> or <i>AMH</i> • Pain, swelling or redness at injection site • Upset or cranky (babies) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Fever</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Anaphylaxis severe allergic reaction – rare</p> </div> </div>

 <p>Warnings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergy to eggs, yeast, previous immunisations • Patient prone to infection — weakened immune system <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pregnant</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>High fever</p> </div> </div>
 <p>Tell the patient</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OK to give dose of paracetamol to babies if upset or crying (<i>CARPA STM p380</i>) <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Return to clinic if serious side effects</p> </div> <p>Warning stickers (<i>p298</i>): 6</p>
<p>Check</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always have anaphylaxis kit with adrenaline (epinephrine) ready when giving vaccines (<i>CARPA STM p32</i>) • Consider calling immunisation database to check immunisation not given elsewhere • Check how to give IM injection so it won't hurt as much (<i>CPM p349</i>) • Is immunisation documented in file notes and on register, if applicable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Is hand held record updated (eg child health record) • See <i>Cold chain procedures</i> for safely storing and transporting vaccines (<i>CPM p335</i>)