

## **ADVICE FOR PARENTS FOLLOWING BCG VACCINATION**

### **BCG vaccine = vaccine against tuberculosis**

Your child has just received the BCG vaccine **intradermally**. Below you will find the various **normal effects** related to the vaccine.

#### General information:

The vaccine **does not cause a fever** in the days following vaccination and does not require any care. In case of fever, consult your doctor.

A single dose is sufficient over the course of a lifetime.

**Efficacy of the vaccine will start in 2 to 3 weeks and will be maximal in 2-3 months**, which is the average duration of the reaction to this vaccine.

#### Possible occurrences at the injection site:

- No reaction at the injection site; nothing to be done in this case.
- **Within two or three weeks**, there might be a little redness (small red pimple like a mosquito bite). 2 developments:
  - ✓ The pimple remains at the **pimple** stage: nothing to be done in this case.
  - ✓ The pimple can have a swollen, puffy appearance, which looks like an abscess, **but it is not an abscess**; it should absolutely **not be touched and you should wait for the liquid to come out on its own**. The pimple may ooze and in some cases **produce a small yellowish, non-purulent discharge**, for 3 to 8 weeks. In this case, it is recommended **to clean with soap and water** at least once a day until healing occurs.

**All these reactions are normal and should not worry you. They heal spontaneously, leaving a small pinkish mark that will give way to a vaccination scar.**

#### **ADVICE IN CASE OF PROLONGED OOZING**

- Do not attempt to heal with disinfectant and healing powders or ointments
- Apply a small sterile dry compress held by a strip of gauze to avoid rubbing against clothes. Avoid bandaging with a plaster, which can cause local allergic reactions
- In the summertime, expose your arm to the sun
- In case of prolonged swimming, apply a water-resistant bandage
- Avoid putting on clothes that are too tight to limit friction

For further information on the effects of the vaccine, please contact me at

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