Who should get DTP vaccine?

Most doctors recommend that almost all young children get DTP or DTaP vaccine. Some children should get DT. With all vaccines, there are some cautions.

Tell your doctor or nurse if the child getting the vaccine:

- ever had a serious allergic reaction or other problem after getting DTP, DTaP, or DT
- now has moderate or severe illness
- has ever had a seizure
- has a parent, brother, or sister who has had seizures
- **has a brain problem that is getting worse**

If you are not sure, ask your doctor or nurse.

What are the risks from these vaccines?

As with any medicine, there are very small risks that serious problems, even death, could occur after getting a vaccine.

The risks from the vaccine are <u>much</u> <u>smaller</u> than the risk from the diseases if people stopped using vaccine.

Below is a list of problems that may occur after getting the vaccine. If your child ever had one of the moderate or severe problem after DTP, DTaP, or DT, discuss it with your doctor or nurse before this vaccination.

Mild problems

If these problems occur, they usually start within hours to a day or two after vaccination. They usually last up to 1-2 days:

- soreness redness, or swelling where the shot was given
- fever
- fussiness, drowsiness, less appetite

Acetaminophen or ibuprofen (non-aspirin) may be used to prevent or reduce fever and soreness. This is especially important for children who have