
VACCINE POINTS

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Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question:

An 8 month old infant exposed to measles disease receives MMR vaccine as post-exposure prophylaxis. Should this infant receive a routinely recommended dose of MMR at age 12 months?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Answer:
a) Yes



Any dose of measles-containing vaccine given before 12 months of age should not be counted as part of the series. Children who receive MMR vaccine before age 12 months, whether for international travel or post-exposure prophylaxis, should be considered potentially susceptible to all three diseases and should be revaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose should be administered when the child is at least 12 months of age and the second dose is routinely recommended at age 4 – 6 years, but may be administered as soon as 4 weeks (28 days) after the first dose.

Source:

MMWR, Prevention of Measles, Rubella, Congenital Rubella Syndrome, and Mumps, 2013: Summary Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), June 14, 2013
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6204a1.htm>

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<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/meas.html>