

# Information on BCG vaccination

In Hong Kong, BCG vaccination is recommended for :

- (a) Newborn babies in Hong Kong
- (b) Residents in Hong Kong aged below 15 with no history of BCG vaccination



BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Guérin) is a live attenuated vaccine widely used for the protection against tuberculosis (TB).

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Only a single dose of BCG is needed. Revaccination is not necessary.

The degree of protection is not 100%. The vaccine effectively reduces serious forms of TB in young children by up to 80%, but its protective effect on the usual pulmonary form of TB in adults is uncertain.

The vaccine is given into the skin of one of the upper arms, usually the left arm (either by intradermal injection or percutaneous inoculation).

