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Information on compulsory vaccination of children against tuberculosis (TB)

Dear parents,

According to the available data, your child has been found to be at a higher risk of contracting tuberculosis (TB). This disease poses a very serious health threat to the smallest children. Vaccination against TBC significantly reduces the possibility of contracting this disease, especially its most severe forms. For your child, vaccination is fully indicated according to the legal requirements, as soon as possible after birth. The advantage of early vaccination against TB is the earliest possible induction of immunity against the disease and no or minimal delay of further vaccinations. Other vaccines can only be administered after recovery from the reaction following a TB vaccination.

During a TB vaccination, a live weakened vaccine is used, administered under the skin on the left arm. For 6-8 weeks following the vaccination, a nodule or a ulcer up to 10 mm in the diameter may appear at the place of vaccination; there may also be a nodule up to 10 mm in size in the left axilla or on the left side of the neck. In rare cases, reactions larger than 10 mm in size and suppuration at the site of the vaccine or nodules may occur. Very rarely, vaccination may be accompanied by more severe reactions, such as the possible occurrence of a bone infection or the spread of infection by the weakened vaccine strain in the child's organism among children with severe immunodeficiency. Even a detailed examination cannot predict the reaction to vaccination soon after birth. However, the benefits of the vaccination outweigh the risk of potential complications. Moreover, your child will still be under the constant supervision of a physician and will be checked at the calmetisation clinic where the vaccination was performed. Any adverse reactions to the vaccine substance that would be outside the range of a normal local reaction must be consulted with these experts as soon as possible.

I have been informed about the necessity of a TB vaccination for my child and its benefits and risks.

Child's name and personal number

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Dated

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Parent's signature