

HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF SOUTHWEST FINLAND

BCG CALMETTE-VACCINATION

BCG-vaccination (Calmette) is recommended for those newborns that are at high risk of tuberculosis infection. Children have increased risk of tuberculosis, if

- his/her mother, father or sibling or person whom he/she will be living with, has ever been diagnosed with tuberculosis
- himself/herself, his/her mother, father, sibling or person whom he/she will be living with has been born in a country with high prevalence of tuberculosis
- he/she will be moving to a country with high prevalence of tuberculosis for a time period longer than one month during the first year of his/her life

Tuberculosis prevalence is high in most parts of Africa, Asia and South-America, as well as in Russia and the Baltic countries.

BCG-vaccination (has been given for your child, date: ____/____) is given to protect your baby against tuberculosis. BCG-vaccination doesn't cause fever or other general symptoms, but it's possible that a small, red blister with secretions may appear in four weeks in the location of the injection. The blister heals in a few weeks. You can wash it with clean water. Do not use an adhesive bandage over the site. The vaccine can also cause lymph nodes enlargement, but that does not require any treatment.

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This instruction is intended for our patients who are in a care relationship.