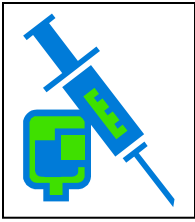


IMMUNIZATION UPDATES:



PENTACEL

PENTACEL is a new vaccine that is a combination of Dtap (Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis), Inactivated Poliovirus and Haemophilus b. Thus, the child will receive only one (1) shot rather than three (3) separate shots. Pentacel is given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 15-18 months of age. It cannot be given if: Guillian-Barre' has occurred within 6 weeks after a previous dose of a tetanus toxoid, encephalopathy has occurred within 7 days after having received a vaccine with pertussis or if the patient has a progressive neurologic disorder.

Pentacel may cause some side effects, but the risk is very low. Minor side effects include: low-grade fever, fussiness, redness, pain, tenderness or swelling at the site where the shot was given. If more serious side effects are present, such as: extreme drowsiness, uncontrollable crying for longer than an hour, high fever, seizure, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat or problems breathing, contact emergency medical help at once.

Pentacel is manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur. Further information about Pentacel may be obtained from the website: <http://www.pentacel.com>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9914.