



Frequently Asked Questions

Tdap Vaccination

What is Tdap?

Tdap is a vaccine that protects against Tetanus (Lockjaw), Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough). It is routinely given to children 6 years of age and younger. However, the new CDC recommendation is that adults should have a onetime booster of tdap.

Who can be vaccinated at an MVNA clinic?

Only adults (19 years and up) who need a onetime booster.

Who should NOT get the vaccination?

Anyone with a history of an allergic reaction, coma, or multiple seizures after a previous vaccination with DTP or DtaP, or any component of the vaccine.

Anyone moderately or severely ill on the day of vaccination should reschedule when they have recovered.

What are some risks with the Tdap vaccine?

Mild reactions (noticeable, but did not interfere with activities) include;

- Pain, redness or swelling, mild fever (100.4), headache, tiredness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, rash, sore joints.

Moderate reactions (Interfered with activities, but did not require medical attention) include;

- Pain at injection site, redness or swelling, fever (>102), headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach ache, extensive swelling of the arm where shot was given.

Severe reactions, (unable to perform usual activities; required medical attention) include;

- Swelling, severe pain, and redness in arm where shot was given.

If you exhibit any moderate to severe symptoms contact your doctor and seek medical attention.

Can I receive a Tdap vaccination at the same time as a flu vaccination?

Yes, but each vaccination will be given in a different arm.

What can I expect when I get the vaccination?

A consent form and applicable insurance information will be obtained prior to injection. The MVNA nurse will use your deltoid muscle located in your upper arm. You will be asked to wait 15 minutes to ensure that you do not have an allergic reaction. Discomfort at the injection site can last a couple days and can be relieved by continuing normal activities with your arm.