



Hepatitis A Vaccine

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and several health professional organizations state that vaccines given to a nursing mother do not affect the safety of breastfeeding for mothers or infants and that breastfeeding is not a contraindication to the hepatitis A vaccine. Breastfed infants should be vaccinated according to the routine recommended schedules.[1-3]

Drug Levels

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Effects in Breastfed Infants

Limited data indicate that breastfeeding can enhance the response of the infant to certain vaccine antigens. [1,2,4]

Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Hepatitis A Vaccine

Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Milk, Human

Vaccines