



Maitri Health Care for Women

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Pertussis Vaccine in Pregnancy

Due to the recent increases in Pertussis (Whooping Cough), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG) are recommending a booster vaccine of Pertussis for any pregnant woman during each pregnancy.

Why should I get this vaccine?

The first few months of your baby's life is when they are at greatest risk from pertussis which can cause severe and potentially life threatening complications. After getting the whooping cough vaccine, your body will create protective antibodies and pass some of them to your baby before birth. This helps provide your baby with short term protection against the whooping cough early in life. Infants cannot get vaccinated against pertussis until they are 8 weeks old, so vaccinating their families and caregivers lessens the chance that babies may be exposed to and get sick from this disease.

When should I get this vaccine?

The recommended time to get the pertussis vaccine is between 27-36 weeks of pregnancy, preferable during the earlier part of this time period. Maitri will offer you this vaccine at your 28 or 32 week visit.

