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BEXSERO® (MENINGOCOCCAL SEROGROUP B VACCINE)

WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL SEROGROUP B DISEASE?

Neisseria meningitides is the bacterium that causes invasive meningococcal disease. Meningococcal serogroup B disease (also known as Men B) is one type of meningococcal disease. In the United States, 30% of meningococcal disease cases in persons 10-25 years of age are serogroup B, and are not covered by previous meningitis vaccines.

WHY GET VACCINATED?

This vaccine helps protect against the disease caused by meningococcal serogroup B which can cause serious, sometimes life-threatening, infections such as meningitis and sepsis (blood poisoning). The vaccine works by specifically stimulating the natural antibody defense system of the vaccinated person. This results in protection against the disease.

WHO SHOULD GET THIS VACCINE AND WHEN?

Bexsero® should be given to adolescents and young adults age 10-25. Bexsero® is given as an injection into the deltoid muscle of the arm. Bexsero® is a 2-dose series with the second dose being administered at least 30 days after the first.

WHO SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN BEXSERO?

Bexsero® should not be given to anyone with a history of severe allergic reaction after a previous dose, or a history of a severe allergic reaction to any of the active ingredients of the vaccine. Tell your healthcare provider if you are allergic to latex, kanamycin, or are pregnant or intend to become pregnant soon.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS FROM THIS VACCINE?

Bexsero®, like any vaccine, could possibly cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The most common adverse reactions are pain, redness and or swelling at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, fever, and irritability.

WHAT IF THERE IS A SERIOUS REACTION?

What should I look for?

Look for any unusual symptoms such as high fever, changes in behavior or signs of a severe allergic reaction (difficulty breathing, wheezing, swelling of the face and throat, hives, paleness, weakness, rapid heartbeat, dizziness).

What should I do?

- Call 911 or seek emergency medical care right away.
- Tell the healthcare provider what happened, the date and time it happened and when the vaccination was given.
- Ask your healthcare provider to report the reaction by filing a report in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form or you can file this report at www.vaers.hhs.gov or by calling 1-800-822-7967.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Talk to your healthcare provider, go to the UCSB Student Health website http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/ or go to https://www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com/BexseroUS.