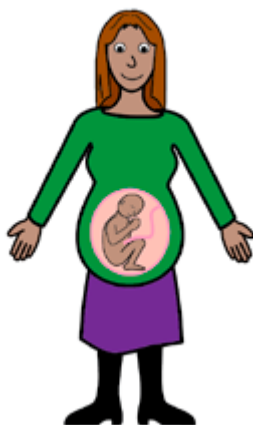


Respiratory syncytial virus (R.S.V) vaccine in pregnancy

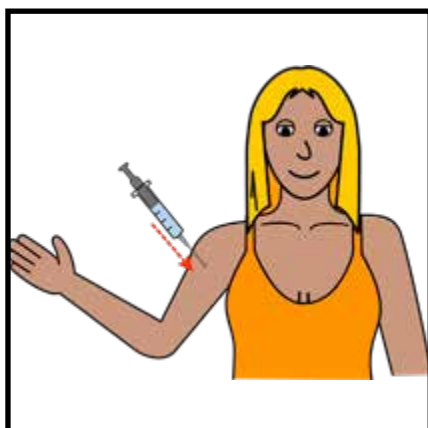
pregnant



RSV is a very common virus and in general people get better quickly from it.

In babies R.S.V can cause serious illness like Bronchiolitis.

Bronchiolitis can be very serious in babies.



Pregnant women can protect their unborn babies by having the R.S.V vaccine in pregnancy.

If we give the vaccine to the pregnant woman the baby will have some immunity when born

Immunity means that the body has a way to fight infections.

This vaccine is given by an injection into your arm.

midwife



Your Midwife will talk to you about the R.S.V vaccine

when



You can have the R.S.V vaccine between 28 and 32 weeks into your pregnancy.

You can have it after 32 weeks but it is more effective earlier.

where



You can have the R.S.V vaccine when you come to the hospital for an appointment

Or

You can have the R.S.V vaccine at your GP Surgery.

Your Midwife will let you know where to go and how to book.

Is it Safe?



All medicines and vaccines are tested for safety.

possible side effects



- A heavy feeling in your arm where the injection has been.
- Red area where injection has been
- Aches and pains in your body
- Headaches

worried



If you feel any side effects and you are worried call 111

ask questions



If you have any questions, ask the Midwife or the person doing the vaccination.

This information can be offered in other formats on request, including a language other than English and Braille.

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