

GENERIC NAME: TYPHOID VACCINE ENTERIC-COATED CAPSULE - ORAL (TIE-foid)

BRAND NAME(S): Vivotif Berna

USES: This medication is used to help prevent infection (typhoid fever) caused by a certain bacteria (Salmonella typhi). People can get this infection by eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water. This vaccine is recommended for people older than 6 years who are traveling to areas where typhoid fever is common (such as countries in Central and South America, Africa, Asia), who are exposed to someone with persistent typhoid infection, or who work with the bacteria in a laboratory. Typhoid vaccine contains live bacteria that have been weakened. It works by causing the body to produce its own protection (antibodies) against the bacteria that cause typhoid fever.

 **HOW TO USE:** Read the Vaccine Information Statement available from your health care provider before taking the vaccine. If you have any questions, consult your health care provider. Before taking each dose, inspect the foil blister pack to make sure it is completely sealed. Carefully open the blister pack and inspect the capsule to make sure it is not damaged. Consult your pharmacist if the foil blister pack or capsule is damaged. Take this medication by mouth without food, usually every other day for 4 doses or as directed by your doctor. Swallow the capsule whole with cold or barely warm liquid about 1 hour before a meal. Place the capsule in your mouth and swallow with the liquid immediately. Do not chew, crush, or hold the capsule in your mouth. Follow the dosing schedule closely for the vaccine to be most effective. To help you remember, mark your calendar to keep track of when to take your next dose. You should complete your course of the vaccine at least 1 week before possible exposure to typhoid fever. You may need a booster vaccine if you still remain at risk for typhoid fever after 5 years. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more details.

SIDE EFFECTS: Nausea may occur. If this effect persists or worsens, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, seek immediate medical attention if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing. This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist. Contact your doctor for medical advice about side effects. The following numbers do not provide medical advice, but in the US, you may report side effects to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at 1-800-822-7967. In Canada, you may call Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345.

OVERDOSE: If overdose is suspected, contact a poison control center or emergency room immediately. US residents can call the US National Poison Hotline at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center.