



Immunization is one of the most well-known and cost effective methods of preventing diseases. Though most of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs) are controlled by now, immunization has to be sustained, not only to prevent VPDs, but also

- a) to eliminate Tetanus,
- b) reduce the incidence of Measles and
- c) eradicate Poliomyelitis.

The six vaccine preventable diseases are



DPT Immunization

- Tetanus
- Poliomyelitis
- Diphtheria
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles
- Childhood tuberculosis

The vaccines must be given at the right age, right dose, right interval and the full course must be completed to ensure the best possible protection to the child against these diseases. The schedule that tells us when and how many doses of each vaccine are to be given is called immunization schedule.