

## ► BLOOD TYPE DEPICTION

We thought this topic needed a separate subheading since it will confuse many repats. While most of the world uses the ABO system with the positive and negative rhesus, Armenia and most post-Soviet countries opt for the number system. Below is a photo to help you understand which is which. You will notice that police, as well as army personnel, have such badges to help identify their blood transfusion needs more easily should they be caught in a situation requiring it. When you go in for a blood test, these are the numbers you will be told. When you are asked, use these numbers to fill out your doctor's questionnaire: I (0), II (A), III (B), IV (AB).

## ► IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

Armenia follows the WHO schedule in immunizing children. The immunizations schedule is plastered all over the childrens' polyclinics, as well as in the OB/GYN's office before childbirth. The table below shows the months at which point you will receive a call to bring your child in for immunization. There are separate rooms in the polyclinics with doctors specifically there for this task. The structures are quite old and need a full revamp but the medication is the latest from Europe that's imported into Armenia.

**NOTE:** It is not a mandatory thing, though highly recommended by your pediatrician. Many parents do opt not to immunize, though your pediatrician will state that should your child contract the disease, problems might arise.

Annual flu shots can be obtained at all polyclinics in Armenia. Go to the one you're registered at. Below is the immunization chart for children. The HPV vaccine is also available for young teens.

FIRST 24-48H AFTER BIRTH	TUBERCULOSIS, HEPATITIS B	24 WEEKS	INACTIVATED POLIO
6 weeks	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Haemophilus influenzae B, Hepatitis B, pneumococcal conjugate, polio, rotavirus	12 months	Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
12 weeks	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Haemophilus influenzae B, Hepatitis B, pneumococcal conjugate, polio, rotavirus	18 months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Haemophilus influenzae B, Hepatitis B, polio
18 weeks	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Haemophilus influenzae B, Hepatitis B, pneumococcal conjugate, polio	6 years	Diphtheria, Tetanus, polio, MMR

## ► DISABILITY CARE

Disability pensions are available for individuals who obtained injuries and are not considered disabled due to their work, as well as from birth defects, childhood illnesses, natural and technical disasters, etc. For those who are disabled due to non-work circumstances, a pension is provided should one have a certain amount of work experience. Those not deemed eligible for the pension are provided with benefits instead.

UP TO 23 YEARS OF AGE	2 YEARS OF WORK	32-34	6 YEARS
23-25	3 years	35-37	7 years
26-28	4 years	38-40	8 years
29-31	5 years	41-43	9 years
		44+	10 years