

# Why should I get immunized against pertussis?



Pertussis, **commonly known as whooping cough**, can lead to uncontrollable coughing and serious complications including pneumonia, seizures, and hernias.

Pertussis vaccines are safe and the most effective way to help prevent pertussis infection.



Talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or local public health office about getting the pertussis vaccine for you or your child.