

Sanofi Pasteur Launches Tetraxim[®], the First Full-Dose DTaP Booster Vaccine in India for Preschoolers

- * **Tetraxim[®]** (DTaP-IPV) is a 4-in-1 booster vaccine and the only inactivated poliomyelitis containing combination vaccine in India that has full-dose antigenic strength of Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis (whooping cough) for preschoolers.

MUMBAI, INDIA – Sep 29 2020 – Sanofi Pasteur India, the vaccines global business unit of Sanofi announced the launch of Tetraxim[®] (DTaP-IPV). The booster vaccine is indicated for preschoolers and provides protection against four major diseases - Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus and Polio. Tetraxim[®] combines four vaccines into one, thus reducing the number of injections, increasing comfort and improving vaccination compliance for children and reducing parental anxiety.

As immunity against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis wanes over time, it is important to ensure necessary protection by being up to date with booster vaccinations¹. A vaccine containing full-dose antigens stimulates adequate immune response with better tolerability. This ensures preschoolers receive the right vaccine with the appropriate antigen content at the right time and have sustained protection against disease.

With Tetraxim[®], Sanofi Pasteur currently protects school children in more than 100 countries, with 63 million doses distributed worldwide.

Annapurna Das, COUNTRY HEAD, INDIA, Sanofi Pasteur said, “Booster vaccines are designed to boost the immunity acquired during prior vaccination. It works as a reminder for a child’s immune system and can also stop the spread of infection to their siblings and grandparents, making it important to maintain vaccination schedules of preschoolers.”

The Indian Academy of Pediatrics, an association of Indian pediatricians, recommends full-dose DTaP for preschoolers².

Right Vaccine, Right Time

Delaying or missing vaccinations means children are unprotected for longer than they need to be, often at the time when they are most at risk of illness and serious complications from diseases. The timing of vaccine doses is carefully chosen based on years of research to help protect children at the right time. To ensure complete protection, children should follow the vaccination schedule and ensure that the appropriate dose vaccine is administered.

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² Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization Practices (ACVIP) Recommended Immunization Schedule (2018-19) and Update on Immunization for Children Aged 0 Through 18 Years (Vol. 55- DECEMBER 15, 2018).