

BCG Vaccination

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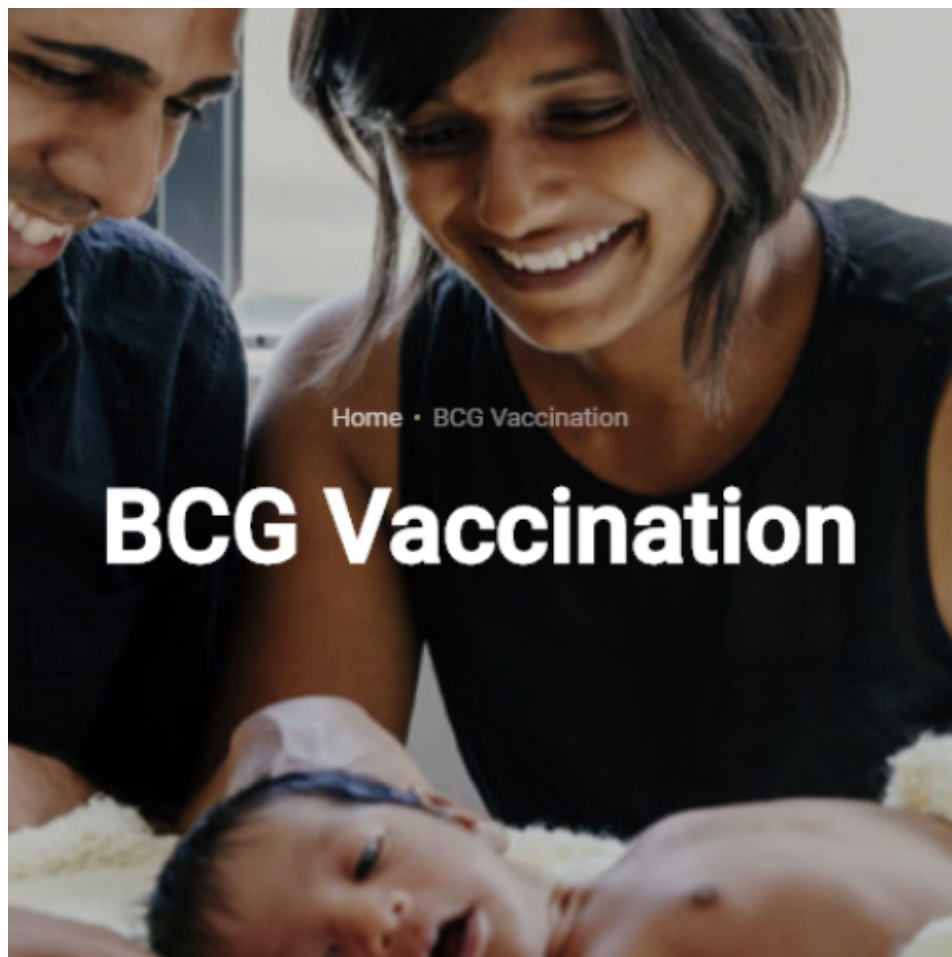
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Description

Our Specialist BCG Nurse Prescriber runs a child BCG immunisation clinic on Friday mornings. Due to manufacturing issues at the Statens Serum Institut (SSI) in Denmark, there are no licensed BCG vaccines in the UK. In 2016, the UK Government took the decision to start using an alternative BCG vaccine made by InterVax, a Canadian company. The vaccine has a good safety record and is thought to be as effective as the SSI BCG vaccination, and is now used across the NHS. Although alternative unlicensed BCG vaccines are also being used in the UK, at Olive Health, London we only use the InterVax BCG vaccination in line with the NHS and Public Health protocols. We receive a high number of GP referrals for the service and the clinic is therefore run by appointment only. About BCG Vaccination The BCG Vaccination (which stands for Bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccine) protects against Tuberculosis, commonly known as TB. TB is a serious infection which affects the lungs, but it can affect other parts of the body such as the bones, joints and kidneys. It can also cause meningitis. BCG Vaccination Until 2017 (Public Health figures) there were up to 7000 cases of Tuberculosis each year in the UK. The best way of TB prevention is the BCG vaccine for children. Adults unsure of their immunisation history who have migrated from high risk TB countries should have a TB (IGRA) blood test to test for latent TB, treatment for which is available on the NHS. BCG is not given as part of the routine



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