

# WHAT IS Immune Globulin (IG)?

**Antibodies** are proteins that help your body fight infections.



**Immune globulin (IG)** is a medicine that can quickly provide antibodies to someone who may not have them. IG can be given to some people who have been exposed to measles. IG does not prevent measles completely, but it can help stop you from getting very sick.

Usually, IG is given to people who cannot get the **Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR)** vaccine and have been exposed to measles. Most people can get the MMR vaccine but some people cannot.

People who **can't** get an MMR vaccine are those who are:



**pregnant** (but breastfeeding women can get the vaccine),

younger than **6 months of age**



**immunocompromised** (have a weak immune system) or have other medical reasons.



If you got IG today, you should wait at least **6 months** before getting the MMR vaccine.



IG is **not a vaccine**, and it does not give you long-lasting protection against measles.



Most people have **no reactions** to IG, or the side effects are very mild.

Ask your doctor or nurse if you have other questions.

