Premature Babies Immunization Schedule

What is an immunization?
Immunizations protect us from getting sick with serious diseases. Often, they are given by a shot, but sometimes they are given by mouth or nose.

Premature babies
Immunizations are given to premature babies at the same age as full-term infants.

At birth
- Hepatitis B Vaccine
  - First dose is usually given at birth before leaving the hospital.
  - Should complete the doses by 6-18 months of age.

6-8 weeks old
- Diphtheria and tetanus and pertussis vaccine (DTaP)
- Haemophilus influenzae vaccine (Hib)
- Pneumococcal vaccine
- Poliovirus vaccine (IPV)

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
Your child may be eligible for a treatment to prevent RSV, a virus that can cause serious lung infections. Ask your baby’s doctor.

Benefits of vaccines
- Vaccines prepare your baby’s body to fight illness.
- Vaccines protect you and others around you.
- It cost less to prevent a disease than to treat it.

Are Your child’s immunizations up to date?
You can find out more about which immunizations babies need on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) Web site http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/.

If you have any concerns about vaccines, ask the doctor caring for your baby.