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### Table 2.1.4: False contraindications to vaccination

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The following conditions are *not* contraindications to any of the vaccines in the National Immunisation Program schedule:

- mild illness without fever ( $T < 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - family history of any adverse events following immunisation
  - past history of convulsions
  - treatment with antibiotics
  - treatment with locally acting (inhaled or low-dose topical) steroids
  - replacement corticosteroids
  - asthma, eczema, atopy, hay fever or 'snuffles'
  - previous pertussis-like illness, measles, rubella, mumps, varicella, herpes zoster or meningococcal disease
  - prematurity (vaccination should not be postponed and can be given if the infant is medically stable). See also 3.3.2 *Vaccination of women who are planning pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding, and preterm infants.*
  - history of neonatal jaundice
  - low weight in an otherwise healthy child
  - neurological conditions, including cerebral palsy and Down syndrome
  - contact with an infectious disease
  - child's mother is pregnant
  - child to be vaccinated is being breastfed
  - woman to be vaccinated is breastfeeding
  - recent or imminent surgery (see also 3.3.6 *Vaccination before or after anaesthesia/surgery*)
  - poorly documented vaccination history.
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