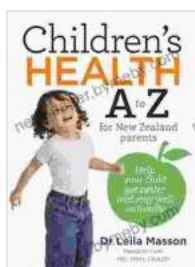


The Ultimate Guide to Children's Health for New Zealand Parents: Everything You Need to Know

As a parent, you want to do everything you can to keep your child healthy and happy. But with so much information available, it can be hard to know where to turn for the most accurate and up-to-date advice. That's why we've created this comprehensive guide to children's health for New Zealand parents.

In this guide, you'll find everything you need to know about keeping your child healthy, from common illnesses to nutrition and mental well-being. We've also included a section on emergencies, so you'll know what to do if your child gets sick or injured.



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We hope this guide will help you to make informed decisions about your child's health and well-being. Remember, you're not alone. There are many

resources available to help you, including your child's doctor, Plunket, and the Ministry of Health.

Common Illnesses

Every child gets sick from time to time. Some common illnesses include:

- Colds
- Flu
- Ear infections
- Bronchitis
- Pneumonia
- Gastroenteritis
- Chickenpox
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella

Most common illnesses are not serious and will go away on their own within a few days. However, it's important to see a doctor if your child is:

- Under 3 months old and has a fever
- Has a fever that lasts for more than 3 days
- Has a fever and a rash
- Is vomiting or has diarrhoea

- Has difficulty breathing
- Is lethargic or irritable

Nutrition

Good nutrition is essential for your child's growth and development. A healthy diet should include plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein.

Here are some tips for feeding your child a healthy diet:

- Offer your child a variety of foods from all food groups.
- Make sure your child gets at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day.
- Choose whole grains over refined grains.
- Limit your child's intake of sugar, saturated fat, and sodium.
- Avoid giving your child sugary drinks, such as juice and soda.
- Make sure your child drinks plenty of water.

Mental Well-being

Mental well-being is just as important as physical health. Children who are mentally healthy are more likely to be happy, successful, and productive members of society.

Here are some tips for promoting your child's mental well-being:

- Spend time with your child every day and talk to them about their feelings.

- Encourage your child to participate in activities that they enjoy.
- Help your child to learn how to cope with stress and difficult emotions.
- Be a positive role model for your child and show them how to deal with challenges in a healthy way.
- Seek help from a mental health professional if you are concerned about your child's mental health.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are one of the most important things you can do to protect your child from serious diseases. Vaccinations work by introducing a weakened or inactivated form of a virus or bacteria into the body. This allows the body to develop immunity to the disease without actually getting sick.

The New Zealand childhood immunisation schedule includes vaccinations for the following diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Whooping cough
- Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Meningococcal disease

- Rotavirus
- HPV

It is important to make sure that your child is up to date with their vaccinations. Vaccinations are safe and effective, and they can save your child's life.

Accidents

Accidents are the leading cause of death and injury in children. Many accidents can be prevented by taking simple precautions.

Here are some tips for preventing accidents in children:

- Supervise your child at all times.
- Make sure your home is safe for children.
- Teach your child about safety rules.
- Be a good role model for your child.

Emergencies

Every parent should know what to do in the event of a medical emergency. Here are some tips for dealing with emergencies:

- Stay calm and assess the situation.
- Call for help immediately.
- Follow the instructions of the emergency dispatcher.
- If you are trained in first aid, provide care to the best of your ability.

It is also important to have a plan in place for what to do if you are separated from your child in an emergency. Here are some tips for creating an emergency plan:

- Choose a meeting place where you will go if you are separated.
- Teach your child to stay calm and go to the meeting place if they get lost.
- Make sure your child knows your phone number and address.
- Keep a copy of your child's medical information with you.

Raising a healthy child is a challenging but rewarding experience. By following the tips in this guide, you can help your child to grow up healthy, happy, and successful.

Remember, you're not alone. There are many resources available to help you, including your child's doctor, Plunket, and the Ministry of Health.

We hope this guide has been helpful. Thank you for reading!



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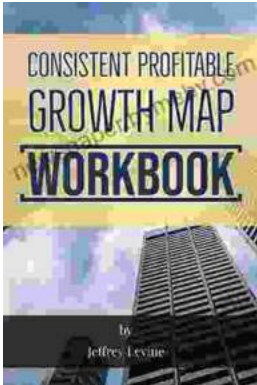
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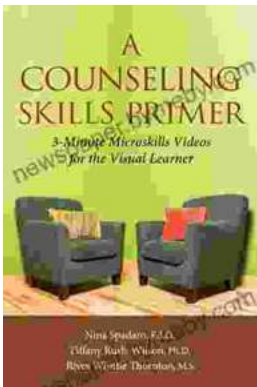
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