Table 2.1.4: False contraindications to vaccination

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

- mild illness without fever (T < 38.5°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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