



Vaccinations in Finnish military conscripts

Adult Immunization Board
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Military service in Finland

Who is required to perform military service

- All men who turn 18 take part in call-up that same year
- At the call-up conscripts' fitness for service is checked
- 75% of age group
- Start-up for military service: 19 – 22y (30)
- Voluntary for women (since 1995)

2 intakes each year

- Start-up in January
- Start-up in July

Health care:

- Garrison health care centres
→ → vaccinations
- Specialized medical care will be provided by public hospitals



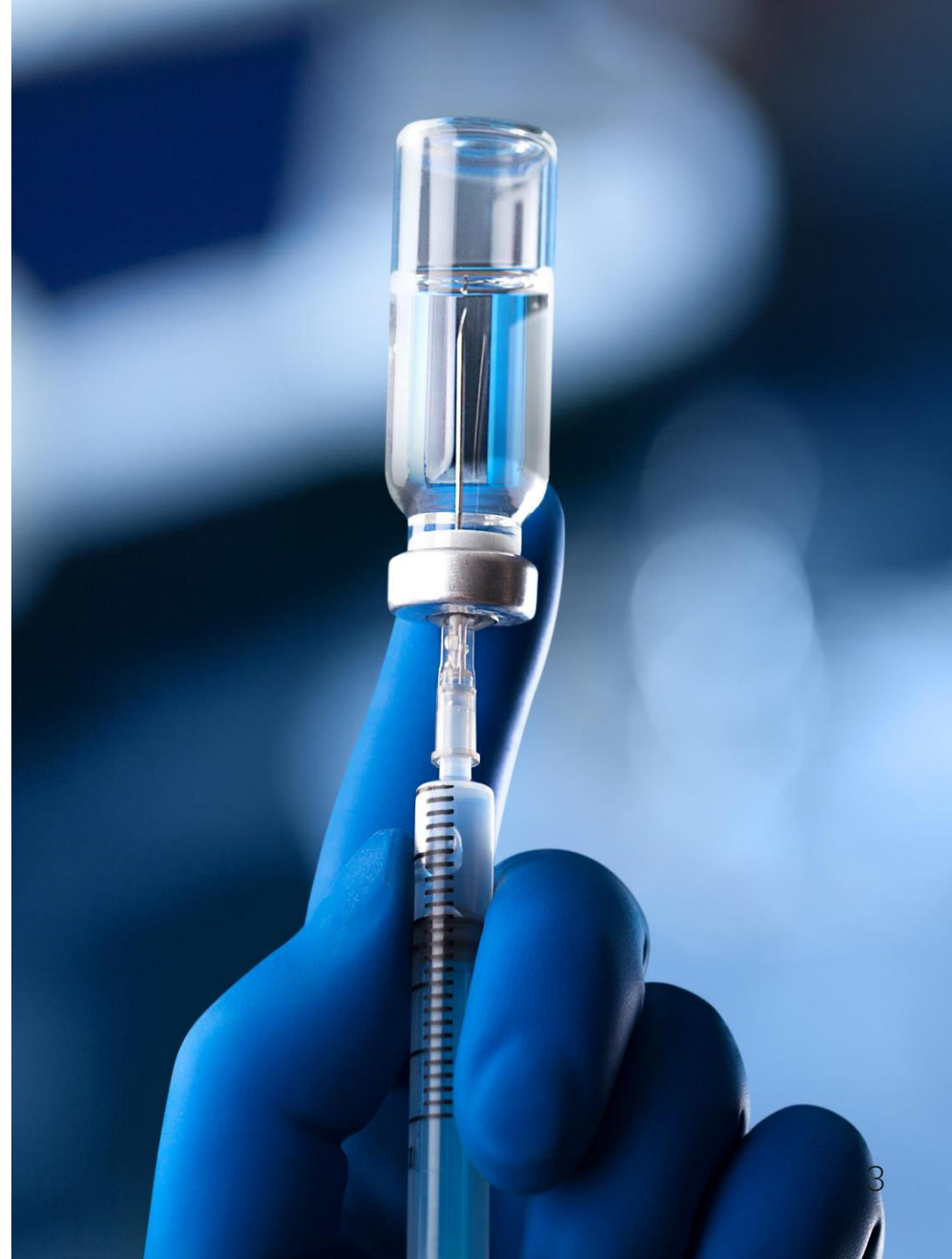
Immunization program

- **Basic vaccines**

- Tdap: Td → Tdap
- Men ACWY: polysaccharide → conjugate
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Seasonal influenza

- **Additional vaccines**

- TBE
- Spleen deficiency (very few only)
 - Haemophilus influenzae B (Hib)
 - Pneumococcal vaccine



- **Immunization in garrisons**
 - Vaccinations are given during the first 2 service weeks
 - Prior vaccination status is checked
 - Main idea is to vaccinate if Immunization status is not valid
- **The vaccination data**
 - Documented to medical record system → transmitted to the National vaccination register
- **Coverage**
 - high (according to the Defence Forces)
- **Legal basis for vaccinations**
 - Communicable Diseases Act and Decree
 - According to the Act, vaccinations are taken/given on a voluntary basis
 - Declining to take vaccinations does not prevent anyone from completing their military service





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Thank You

