

# Accidental self-injection with vaccines



## Operator Safety:

In case of accidental injection, seek medical advice immediately and show the package insert to the physician.

## To the user:

This product is a mineral oil-based compound. Accidental self injection may result in severe pain and swelling and could result in the loss of the affected finger or thumb if prompt medical attention is not given.

Ensure that the method of restraint, handling and administration, e.g. by the use of guarded needles, minimises the risk of accidental injection/self injection. If you are accidentally injected with this product, clean and disinfect the wound immediately.

Go AT ONCE to the nearest accident and emergency (casualty) department of a hospital and show the information printed below to the doctor (or nurse) on duty.

Seek prompt medical advice even if only a very small amount is injected.

If pain persists for more than 12 hours after medical examination, seek further medical advice.

## To the Doctor:

Even if very tiny amounts have been injected, accidental injection with this oil-based product is particularly irritating. The accidental injection can cause intense swelling which may, for example, result in ischaemic necrosis and the loss of a digit in exceptional cases.

Expert, PROMPT, surgical attention is required and may necessitate early incision and irrigation of the injected area, especially where there is involvement of finger pulp or tendon.