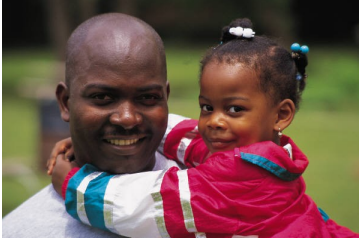


Whooping Cough (Pertussis): It's More than Just a Cough



Early Diagnosis and Treatment is Key

Pertussis is highly contagious in the early stages and can be dangerous in small children.

See a doctor if:

- You have a cough lasting more than seven days
- You have prolonged coughing spells, which may leave you short of breath
- The cough gets worse at night and may interfere with sleep
- Gagging or vomiting may follow the cough spell
- Cough medicine does not help
- You develop a cough of any duration after being in close contact with a pertussis case within the past three weeks

In between coughing spells, the person does not appear sick.

Teenagers and adults usually do not get very sick, but they can still spread the illness.



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