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Rotavirus gastroenteritis vaccine

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An oral rotavirus vaccine has been in use since in Australia since 2007 with a sharp fall in reported cases of gastroenteritis resulting. (Additional *Pediatric News* on the rotavirus vaccine [here](#)).

Results of a first, nationwide study in the USA evaluating the rotavirus vaccine have now been reported in *Pediatrics*, the official Journal of the *American Academy of Pediatrics*. For this fresh research, click [here](#).

The study evaluated the vaccine's effectiveness under conditions of routine use and concluded the rotavirus vaccine was highly effective in preventing acute gastroenteritis and in reducing health care resource utilization.

In my view, the rotavirus immunization program has been an important medical breakthrough. No longer are we seeing streams of young children and babies admitted to pediatric wards for nasogastric feeding, or intravenous rehydration.

Please, remember to vaccinate your child.

For related information on Gastroenteritis and the rotavirus vaccine visit:

- The *Latest Research and News from Dr Harry Zehnwirth* [here](#).
- oKIDokie website *Very Helpful Links* [here](#).
- For Dr Zehnwirth's blog on gastro, click [here](#).



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