

Medical Edge Radio from Mayo Clinic

Whooping Cough

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S TODAY'S MEDICAL EDGE FROM MAYO CLINIC.
	MEDICALLY, ITS NAME IS PERTUSIS... THE MORE COMMON NAME COMES FROM A VERY DISTINCTIVE SYMPTOM.
William Marshall, M.D. Track 3 (:35)	"THE CHILD COUGHS AND COUGHS TO WHERE THEY CAN'T GET THEIR BREATH AND SUDDENLY MAKE THIS WHOOPING SOUND AS THEY TAKE A BREATH IN."
	WHOOPING COUGH, SAYS MAYO CLINIC DR. WILLIAM MARSHALL, IS A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS BACTERIAL INFECTION THAT'S ON THE RISE, PARTICULARLY IN CHILDREN.

	<p>BACK IN THE EARLY PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WHOOPING COUGH WAS A LEADING CAUSE OF CHILDHOOD ILLNESS AND DEATH. BUT NOW...</p>
<p>Dr. Marshall Track 3 (:55)</p>	<p>“THIS IS A VACCINE PREVENTABLE ILLNESS.”</p>
	<p>BUT IMMUNITY ONLY LASTS FOR A FEW YEARS, SO OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE ALSO AT RISK. WHILE NOT USUALLY LIFE THREATENING, THE COUGHING SPELLS CAN BE SO SEVERE THEY CAUSE VOMITING, EVEN BROKEN RIBS. IT CAN BE TOUGH TO DIAGNOSE, BUT IF CAUGHT EARLY, WHOOPING COUGH IS TREATABLE WITH ANTIBIOTICS.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR LOG ONTO MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
