The Practice of Polio

The polio vaccine was developed in the 1950s, and it has been widely used to prevent this disease. The vaccine is given to children in several doses, typically starting at around 2 to 4 months of age. The vaccine is usually well tolerated, and side effects are rare. However, occasionally, the vaccine can cause mild side effects such as fever or irritability. Rarely, the vaccine can cause a more serious side effect called vaccine-associated paralytic polio (VAPP). VAPP is a rare complication that can occur in people who have received the vaccine. The risk of VAPP is very low, but it is important to be aware of it.

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