

# Why get a meningitis B vaccine?

Ask the Stillman family of Michigan.



Emily Stillman died from a vaccine-preventable disease because the vaccine was not available to her. It is available to you.

## Emily's story

Emily Nicole Stillman was a beautiful 19-year-old sophomore at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She had her whole life ahead of her, with dreams of someday performing on Saturday Night Live. On the evening of January 31, 2013, Emily called home with a headache. Her mom thought she might have been coming down with the flu. Emily thought it was from lack of sleep. Thirty-six hours later, Emily lost her life to meningococcal disease serogroup B. Emily had received all of the vaccines recommended for her age group at the time, including the appropriate meningococcal vaccine to protect her against serogroups A, C, W and Y. However, in 2013, the serogroup B vaccine was not yet available in the United States. It is available now, so don't delay protecting your adolescent and young adult with both meningococcal vaccines.