3.8: Post-Immunization

My arm is sore and I'm feeling warm.

3 days later

Image 3.4: Post-Immunization
If the health professional has administered a vaccine by injection, apply **light pressure to the site for several seconds** with a dry cotton ball to minimize bleeding. Adhesive bandages or cotton balls with tape are optional but avoid any blood from staining clothing. Clients should be kept under **observation for at least 15 minutes** after vaccination and preferably 30 minutes when a specific concern is present. Inform client to take oral analgesics such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen as needed for minor adverse reactions following vaccination. Health professionals should remind clients to report any concerns following immunization. The provider can assess the concerns and determine if it is appropriate to report an adverse event following immunization (AEFI).