

Preventing Pneumonia with

VACCINATION

Did you know that pneumonia can be prevented? Pneumococcal vaccines can help reduce your risk of getting pneumonia, which is an infection of the lungs that can cause mild to severe illness.



TYPES OF PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines

(PCV13, PCV15 or PCV20)

- Children younger than 2 years old should receive PCV13
- Adults 65 or older
- Adults 19 – 64 with certain medical conditions and other risk factors

Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine

(PPSV23)

- Follow up dose from PCV15



POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS (USUALLY MILD)

- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Irritability
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Joint pain
- Chills
- Reaction at injection site:
 - Redness
 - Swelling
 - Pain
 - Tenderness



WHERE TO GET A VACCINE

- Primary care provider's office
- Pharmacies
- Workplaces
- Community health clinics
- Health departments
- Other community locations (schools, religious centers, etc.)

Contact your state health department to learn more about where to get a vaccine in your community.



PAYING FOR THE VACCINE

- Medicare Part B covers 100%
- Most private health insurance covers 100% (included in preventive care)



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