

What is

PNEUMONIA?

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that can cause mild to severe illness. The infection inflames the air sac in one or both lungs. Each year in the U.S., pneumonia kills thousands of adults.



CLASSIFICATIONS

- Community-acquired pneumonia
- Hospital-acquired pneumonia
- Healthcare-associated pneumonia
- Aspiration pneumonia

DID YOU KNOW?

Community-acquired pneumonia is caused by:

- bacteria
- bacteria-like organisms
- viruses, including COVID-19
- fungi



RISK FACTORS

- Age 65 years or older
- Age two years or younger
- Being hospitalized
- Smoking
- Chronic disease, including COPD or heart disease
- Weakened or suppressed immune system



COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PNEUMONIA

- Bacteria in the bloodstream
- Difficulty breathing
- Fluid around the lungs
- Lung abscess

DID YOU KNOW?

Common signs of pneumonia can include cough, fever and trouble breathing. Pneumonia may feel like the flu and even affect your ability to do daily activities.



PREVENTION

- Get vaccinated
- Practice good hygiene
- Don't smoke
- Keep your immune system strong

DID YOU KNOW?

The CDC recommends two pneumococcal vaccines for adults aged 65 years or older. These include PCV13 (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine) and PPSV23 (pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine).



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