



Outreach of the Month: Pneumonia Vaccinations

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What are the risks of not taking the Pneumonia vaccine?

About 10,000 people die each year because of bacterial infections (lung infection, bacteremia, meningitis). A pneumonia shot, however, can help protect you against getting these illnesses. In fact, it is about 60% effective in preventing the most serious pneumonias, meningitis, bacteremia and death.

Who needs the Pneumonia (PPSV23) Vaccine?

1. All adults 65 years or older.
2. Anyone 2 through 64 years old who has a long-term health condition such as: heart disease, lung disease, sickle cell disease, diabetes, alcoholism, cirrhosis, leaks of cerebrospinal fluid or cochlear implant.
3. Anyone 2 through 64 years old who has a disease or condition that lowers the body's resistance to infection, such as: Hodgkin's disease; lymphoma or leukemia; kidney failure; multiple myeloma; nephrotic syndrome; HIV infection or AIDS; damaged spleen, or no spleen; organ transplant.
4. Anyone 2 through 64 years old who is taking a drug or treatment that lowers the body's resistance to infection, such as: long-term steroids, certain cancer drugs, radiation therapy.
5. Any adult 19 through 64 years old who is a smoker or has asthma.

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