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Art:

Good idea. I will mention this to CDC during this AM's daily meeting. Hope that you are well.

Best,

Tony

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Tony. So good to see you now on TV in full charge. Your entire expression has changed almost like when I bumped into you in the Washington Metro after you had gotten off the plane with President Bush.

I have an interesting question regarding pneumococcal polysaccharide immunization. One of our staff members phoned. Her father is a physician in France and has many physician acquaintances. She was told that the doctors believe that the older patients who received pneumococcal vaccine have less of a mortality than those who did not get the vaccine.

When we did the studies and got the pneumococcal vaccine approved for the elderly in 1976 there was a battle about who should get it and whether was cost-effective. Since then, other studies have documented the benefit, especially in older people and you probably have received it. It is now routine but I know many elderly individuals have not gotten immunized. Historically, many, if not the majority of deaths from influenza in some of the past epidemics was a result of secondary infection with pneumococcus. I'm not hearing anything about urging people to get immunized with pneumococcal vaccine. The message would need to be clear so they don't confuse pneumococcal secondary infection with primary coronavirus infection. It would be a good idea for people to be urged to get the pneumococcal vaccine. If they had not received it. I'm not seeing any recommendations from the CDC or elsewhere regarding this.

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