



What You Need to Know About

Pneumococcal Vaccines

Pneumococcal disease is caused by bacteria that can spread easily. This disease can cause ear infections, pneumonia, blood infections, and meningitis

Key Points



Pneumococcal pneumonia causes an estimated 150,000 hospitalizations each year in the United States. Pneumococcal meningitis and bacteremia killed approximately 3,250 people in the United States in 2019.



CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination for adults 65 years or older and adults 19 through 64 years old with certain medical conditions or risk factors.



In late 2021, the US Food and Drug Administration licensed two new pneumococcal conjugate vaccines for use in adults: PCV15 and PCV20.

Patient Information

Having a chronic health condition or an immunocompromising condition can increase your risk for pneumococcal disease.

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Adults who received only one Pneumovax23 vaccine may consider a PCV15 or PCV20 a year later for full protection.

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Most insurance companies cover the vaccine at no cost.

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Ask Your Pharmacist Today!