Are You Immunized Against Pneumococcal Disease?

Pneumococcal disease is an infection caused by the bacteria pneumococcus. This disease can lead to illnesses like pneumonia, meningitis and infection of the bloodstream.

Pneumococcal Vaccination

Two vaccines protect against pneumococcal disease. Vaccination is safe and effective and may prevent pneumococcal disease.

Who can get pneumococcal disease?

Pneumococcal disease is more likely to occur in adults 65 years of age, younger adults with certain health conditions and children under 2 years of age.

What are the two recommended vaccines?

All adults 65 and older should receive:
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine 13 (PCV 13)
and
Pneumococcal Poly Saccharide Vaccine 23 (PPSV23)

A dose of PPSV23 is recommended for all adults 65 years and older even if they received 1 or 2 doses at a younger age.

Can the vaccines be given with the flu vaccine?

Yes.

If you are uninsured or your insurance does not cover vaccines you may qualify for low cost vaccines. Contact your local public health agency for details.

You never outgrow the need for vaccines.