Vaccins

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HELP

PREVENT

PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA

THE MOST COMMON FORM OF BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA CAN PUT YOU IN THE HOSPITAL.

50+

YOU ARE AT INCREASED RISK IF YOU ARE 50 OR OVER.

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THE SPREAD IS UNPREDICTABLE

Like the flu, pneumococcal pneumonia-causing bacteria, *S. pneumoniae*, can be spread from person to person.

Certain factors that can increase your risk of getting pneumococcal pneumonia/disease:

**AGE**
- Being 50 or over

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS**
- Chronic lung disease (including asthma and COPD)
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Involving immunosuppression (e.g., transplants, HIV)
- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Certain neurological conditions

**LIFESTYLE FACTORS**
- Smoking
- Alcoholism
- Living in long-term care facilities

In a study published in 2000, smokers made up about half of otherwise healthy adults with pneumococcal diseases.
PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASES

Any infection caused by the bacteria *S. pneumoniae*, including:

- Pneumonia (lung infection)
- Bacteraemic pneumonia (lung infection with bacteria in the bloodstream)
- Sepsis (bacteria in the bloodstream)
- Meningitis (inflammation around the brain)

PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA

- Makes up 50 to 80% of all cases of pneumococcal disease in adults
- Is one of the most common bacterial types of both pneumonia and severe pneumonia
- Can be life-threatening, and require admission to the hospital or intensive care unit

Prevnar 13 is not indicated to reduce complications of pneumococcal diseases, such as hospitalization and death.
YOU CAN PREPARE

The severity of pneumococcal pneumonia and other pneumococcal diseases can be affected by:

- Your age, because your immune system naturally weakens as you get older
- Any health issues you have

Prevnar 13 should not be used if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to the active substances, to any other ingredients in the vaccine, or to any other vaccine that contains diphtheria toxoid.

Take special care with Prevnar 13:

- If you have any present or past medical problems after any dose of Prevnar or Prevnar 13
- If you are sick with a high fever
- If you have any bleeding problems

As with any vaccine, Prevnar 13 will not protect 100% of those who receive it.
Prevnar 13 is a polysaccharide conjugate vaccine. Polysaccharides are sugars that cover bacteria such as S. pneumoniae. Conjugate means that the polysaccharides are linked to a carrier protein to help the immune system recognize them.

The clinical significance of this comparison has not been evaluated.

The need for revaccination with a subsequent dose of Prevnar 13 has not been established.

Prevnar 13 is used in adults for the prevention of diseases such as pneumonia, bacteraemic pneumonia, sepsis and meningitis caused by 13 types of the bacteria S. pneumoniae.

Prevnar 13 helps your body make its own antibodies to help protect you against 13 types of the bacteria S. pneumoniae.

HELP PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST S. PNEUMONIAE WITH PREVNAR 13, A SINGLE-SHOT* VACCINE.

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The most common side effects reported in at least 1 in 10 adults are decreased appetite, headache, diarrhea, rash, new/aggravated joint pain, new/aggravated muscle pain, chills, fatigue, any pain/tenderness/redness/swelling/hardness at the injection site, limitation of arm movement. Common side effects reported in at least 1 in 100 adults, but less than 1 in 10 adults, are vomiting (in adults aged 50 years and over) and fever.

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