VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine: What You Need to Know

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1. Why get vaccinated?

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

also cause:

- Ear infections
- Sinus infections
- Meningitis (infection of the tissue covering the brain and spinal cord)
- Bacteremia (infection of the blood)

Anyone can get pneumococcal disease, but children under 2 years old, people with certain medical conditions or other risk factors, and adults 65 years or older are at the highest risk.

Most pneumococcal infections are mild. However, some can result in long-term problems, such as brain damage or hearing loss. Meningitis, bacteremia, and pneumonia caused by pneumococcal disease can be fatal.

2. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine helps protect against bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease.

ere are three pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV13, PCV15, and PCV20).

e di erent vaccines are recommended for di erent people based on age and medical status. Your health care provider can help you determine which type of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, and how many doses, you should receive.

Infants and young children usually need 4 doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. ese doses are recommended at 2, 4, 6, and 12–15 months of age.

Older children and adolescents might need pneumococcal conjugate vaccine depending on their age and medical conditions or other risk factors if they did not receive the recommended doses as infants or young children.

Adults 19 through 64 years old with certain medical conditions or other risk factors who have not already received pneumococcal conjugate vaccine should receive pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.

Adults 65 years or older who have not previously received pneumococcal conjugate vaccine should receive pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.

Some people with certain medical conditions are also recommended to receive pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (a di erent type of pneumococcal vaccine, known as PPSV23). Some adults who have previously received a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine may be recommended to receive another pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.



