



Durham Region Health Department **Facts about...**



Pneumococcal Conjugate (Pneu-C-15) Vaccine Vaxneuvance®

What is it?

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines protect you from bacteria called *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus). Most pneumococcal infections are mild but can invade parts of the body that are normally bacteria-free. When this happens, a serious disease called invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) can develop, which can cause serious symptoms, lifelong disability or even death. For more information, see Facts About...Pneumococcal Diseases.

How effective is the vaccine?

The Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines have been approved for use by Health Canada and are safe and effective products that protect against up to 15 different types of bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease.

Who should get the vaccine?

Children 6 weeks to 4 years of age can receive the vaccine for free.

What is the schedule for the vaccine?

The Pneu-C-15 vaccine is routinely given at 2, 4, and 12 months of age to all children.

Are there side effects with the vaccine?

Side effects are usually mild and last a short time, the most common side effects are soreness, redness and/or swelling where the vaccine was given. Other mild side effects may include:

- Fever
- Drowsiness
- Loss of appetite
- Headache
- Muscle or joint ache
- Chills
- Fussiness (irritability) - infants only

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If you think a serious reaction is developing, seek medical attention right away. Any unexpected or serious reaction to a vaccine should be reported to your health care provider and the Health Department.

Who should NOT get the vaccine?

Individuals who have a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of pneumococcal vaccine or to any component of the vaccine should avoid the pneumococcal vaccine.

Do children need the vaccine to go to daycare and/or school?

In Ontario, 3 doses of the pneumococcal vaccine are required under the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA).

Don't forget to update your immunization record!

After you or your child receives a vaccine, update your immunization record (yellow card). For children in school or childcare, please visit www.durham.ca/immunize to report online. Keep your records in a safe place!

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