



Pneumococcal Conjugate (Pneu-C-20) Vaccine

Pevnar 20®

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 20 different types of bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease.

Who should get the vaccine?

The following people can receive the Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for free:

- All adults aged 65 years and older.
- High-risk clients can be immunized for free by their health care provider. Please refer to high-risk criteria in the Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule for Ontario.

What is the schedule for the vaccine?

- The Pneu-C-20 vaccine is routinely given at 65 years of age or older.
- The minimum interval between doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines is 8 weeks.

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

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- Muscle or joint ache
- Chills
- Fussiness (irritability) - infants only

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 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729

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.

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.

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