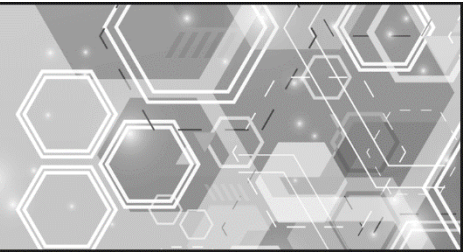




## Durham Region Health Department Facts about...



# 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 Disease](#).

## How effective is the vaccine?

Pneumococcal conjugate (Pneu-C-15) vaccine has been approved for use by Health Canada, is safe, and protects 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 get the vaccine for free.

## What is the schedule for the vaccine?

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

## Are there side effects with the vaccine?

- Pneu-C-15 vaccine is safe and well tolerated. Side effects are usually mild and last a short time.
- The most common side effects are soreness, redness and/or swelling where the needle was given. Other mild side effects may include:
  - Fever
  - Drowsiness
  - Decreased appetite
  - Headache
  - Muscle or joint ache
  - Chills
  - Fussiness (irritability) - infants only

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- If you think you are having a serious reaction, see a health care provider right away. Any new or important changes in your health after a vaccine should be reported to a health care provider and the Durham Region Health Department.

## Who should NOT get the vaccine?

People who have had a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of pneumococcal vaccine or to any part of the 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, inform Durham Region Health Department of your child's vaccine. Health care providers do not report vaccines to the Health Department automatically. Keep your records updated and in a safe place.

**After your child receives a vaccine, update** Durham Region Health Department:

- Online at [durham.ca/immunize](https://durham.ca/immunize) (you may also attach a photo of your record), or
- By calling 1-800-841-2729 or 905-666-6242, or
- By faxing your vaccine/immunization record to 905-666-6216.

The [Immunization Connect Ontario \(ICON\)](#) tool allows you to see your child's vaccine/immunization record online anytime.

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