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For Health Care Professionals



Pneumococcal Conjugate C Vaccine Program Change

Effective **August 17, 2026**, routine pneumococcal immunization for individuals 65 years of age and older will transition to **Pneumococcal 21-valent Conjugate Vaccine (Pneu-C-21, Capvaxive)**. The new pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, Pneu-C-21, is expected to provide broader protection against invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) compared to the Pneu-C-20 vaccine for individuals 65 years of age and older. Individuals who have already received a dose of Pneu-C-20 or Pneu-P-23 at 65 years of age and older are not recommended to receive a dose of Pneu-C-21.

Vaccine Eligibility

- Routine immunization program - children at low risk for Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IPD) aged 6 weeks to 4 years should receive Pneu-C-15 (**Vaxneuvance**).
- Routine immunization program - adults aged 65 years and older should receive Pneu-C-21 (**Capvaxive**).
- High-risk immunization program - individuals at high risk for IPD aged ≥ 6 weeks to 64 years should receive Pneu-C-20 (**Prevnam 20**).

Packaging Information

Vaccine	Manufacturer	Contents	Doses per package	Dose	Publicly Funded Eligibility
Vaxneuvance (Pneu-C-15)	Merck	Liquid	1 prefilled syringe OR 10 prefilled syringes	0.5 mL	6 weeks to 4 years
Capvaxive (Pneu-C-21)	Merck	Liquid	1 prefilled syringe OR 10 prefilled syringes	0.5 mL	65+ years
Prevnam 20 (Pneu-C-20)	Pfizer	Liquid	10 prefilled syringes	0.5 mL	≥ 6 weeks to 64 years at high risk for IPD

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Vaccine Ordering

The [Monthly Vaccine Order Form](http://www.durham.ca/hcp) (www.durham.ca/hcp > Forms > Order) has been updated with **Pneu-C-21** for routine vaccination of individuals 65 years and older.

A new [Pneumococcal Vaccine High Risk Order Form](http://www.durham.ca/hcp) (www.durham.ca/hcp > Forms > Order) is available for clients at high risk for IPD aged ≥ 6 weeks to 64 years.

As we transition to Pneu-C-21 for routine immunization of individuals 65 years of age and older, orders for Pneu-C-20 will be on hold until the Health Department receives stock of Pneu-C-21. Orders will then be filled with Pneu-C-21, and providers will be notified for vaccine pick up. Existing stock of Pneu-C-20 will be reserved for high-risk clients.

For more information, please visit the [Ontario Pneumococcal Vaccine Program](http://www.durham.ca/hcp) webpage (www.durham.ca/hcp > Tools and guidance > Immunization, vaccines and AEFI > Health care provider Q&A and fact sheets: Pneumococcal Vaccine Program).

Vaccine Hesitancy

You can help combat vaccine hesitancy! Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey using the QR code below to provide input on your experiences with vaccine hesitancy in your practice.



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