

What is Pneumococcal Disease?



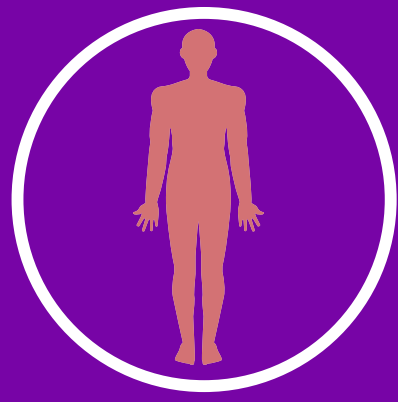
Pneumococcal disease is caused by certain bacteria that can invade different parts of the body including the lungs, lining of the brain, and bloodstream.



Pneumonia
• Lung infections



Meningitis
• Infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord



Sepsis
• Body's extreme response to an infection



Otitis Media
• Middle ear infections



Sinusitis
• Sinus infections

Severity of infections and symptoms depend on the part of the body that is infected.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect against pneumococcal disease.

Who should get vaccinated:

- Children younger than two years
- Adults age 65 years and older
- Adults age 19 to 64 years with certain medical conditions or are at high risk.



High risk factors include:

- Chronic heart, lung, or liver disease
- Diabetes
- Alcoholism
- Cigarette smoking
- Weakened immune system (cancer, kidney disease, organ transplant, HIV, or medications that reduce the immune system)

Get vaccinated today!

Have you received an updated pneumococcal vaccine? If not, you may be due for an update! Ask your health care provider.

