

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE

Pneumococcal vaccine protects against severe pneumonia (lung infection), meningitis (brain and spinal cord infection), and blood infections.(1)

Pneumococcal disease is caused by bacteria that spreads from person to person through close contact. Anyone can catch it, but young children are at high risk.(2)

Before the vaccine, about 200 young children died from pneumococcal disease every year in the U.S.(1)



Possible side effects are redness, swelling, or tenderness at the injection site, mild fever, drowsiness, loss of appetite, or irritability.(1)

Doctors recommend 4 doses beginning at 2 months old.(1)



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1) American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Pneumococcal-Conjugate-Vaccine-What-You-Need-to-Know.aspx>

2) Immunization Action Coalition: <https://vaccineinformation.org/pneumococcal/>