

Pneumococcal?



What is it? Do I need to worry about it?

Pneumococcal infection affects many people each year.¹

If you:

- are 65 or older, or
- have a chronic condition*

the pneumococcal vaccine is for you.

It may protect against pneumococcal infection, one of the most common complications of both pandemic H1N1 influenza and seasonal influenza. The pneumococcal vaccine is usually given only once in your lifetime.

Ask your health care provider about pneumococcal vaccine.

¹ Public Health Agency of Canada. Update: Vaccine-preventable diseases. 1999;7(1):1-18. Available online from <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/uvpd-mjmepv/vol7-1/index.html>.

* chronic diseases such as heart and kidney disease, diabetes, asplenia, cancer, HIV, sickle-cell disease, alcoholism, COPD and other complications of smoking, and cochlear implants

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