Protect Your Child from Pneumococcal Disease

WHAT IS IT?

Pneumococcal disease is a bacterial disease that can cause three serious infections:
- meningitis (brain infection)
- bacteremia (bloodstream infection)
- pneumonia (lung infection)

WHO IS AT RISK?

Children:
- under the age of 2
- with an immunocompromising condition or chronic illness such as:
  - sickle cell disease
  - pulmonary disease
  - kidney disease
  - HIV
  - diabetes
  - heart disease
- who are on immunosuppressive therapy
- with cochlear implants
- 2 to 17 years of age with asthma

THE PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.

It is part of routine childhood immunizations.
Talk to your family physician, pediatrician, nurse, pharmacist or public health office about immunizing your child against pneumococcal disease.

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