

# For Adults with CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Important information about a dangerous infection



- If you have one of the following medical conditions, you are more likely to get pneumococcal disease and have serious complications:
  - Immunocompromising conditions (e.g., HIV/AIDS, Hodgkin disease, lymphoma, leukemia, chronic kidney disease, sickle cell disease, etc.)
  - A condition that requires immunosuppressive treatment (e.g., steroids, radiation therapy)
  - Functional or anatomic asplenia
  - Cochlear implants
  - Cerebrospinal fluid leaks
  - Solid organ transplant
- You are at higher risk for pneumococcal disease because these conditions affect your body's ability to fight infections. This is true even if your condition and symptoms are well controlled through medication or lifestyle management.
- Prevention of pneumococcal disease is very important because the infection can lead to death, hospitalization, and serious complications including brain damage, heart attack, hearing loss, or amputations.

## ***Vaccination can help protect you.***

### **Five Reasons Adults with Any of These Conditions Should Be Vaccinated Against Pneumococcal Disease**

- ① Pneumococcal disease is a deadly infection that can come on quickly.
- ② Among adults who get pneumococcal disease, those age 65 and older and adults of any age with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk of death.
- ③ People who get pneumococcal disease may face hospitalization, long recovery time, and devastating life-long problems.
- ④ Vaccination can help protect you from pneumonia, meningitis, and bloodstream infections.
- ⑤ Getting vaccinated is the safest, most effective way to protect yourself.

**If you or a loved one has any of these conditions, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.**

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