

For Adults with CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE: Important information about a dangerous infection



- If you have chronic kidney disease, you are more likely to have serious complications if you get pneumococcal disease. This is because kidney disease affects your body's ability to fight infections.
- This is true for people in all stages of chronic kidney disease, including those treated with dialysis and transplant patients, even if your symptoms are well controlled.
- 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 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE 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 chronic kidney disease, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.

For more information, visit adultvaccination.org