If you smoke, you are more likely than a nonsmoker to get pneumococcal disease and to have more serious complications.

Cigarette smoking is the single biggest risk factor for serious pneumococcal disease. About half of healthy adults younger than age 65 who get it are smokers.

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.**

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### Five Reasons Adults who SMOKE 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.

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*If you or a loved one smokes, ask a healthcare professional about vaccination today.*

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