

RISKS ARE A PART OF LIFE.

BUT YOU CAN HELP LOWER
THE RISK OF PNEUMOCOCCAL
PNEUMONIA AND INVASIVE
PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE.

ASK ABOUT VACCINATION TODAY.



WHAT IS PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE?



It's a potentially serious bacterial disease.

Pneumococcal pneumonia and invasive pneumococcal disease (such as meningitis or blood infection) are caused by bacteria. In severe cases, the infection can put you in the hospital and even be life-threatening. Even if you don't have to go to the hospital, it can disrupt your life for weeks.



The infection can strike without warning.

The bacteria spread through coughing or close contact with someone who is sick. These bacteria can cause pneumococcal disease, which can happen anywhere—symptoms can appear and you can get sick very quickly.



Pneumococcal pneumonia can be severe and sudden.

Symptoms may include:

- High fever, up to 105 °F
- Excessive sweating
- Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Cough

IF YOU'RE 50+, YOU ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK

The immune system weakens due to aging, making it harder to fight off infections like pneumococcal pneumonia. Even if you're healthy.

If you're 50+ you're at
6.4x
greater risk of getting
pneumococcal pneumonia*



1 OUT OF 3

Adult IPD cases occur
in people aged 50-64

If you're 50+ and you're living with certain chronic health conditions like COPD, asthma, heart disease, and diabetes, your risk may be even higher.

*Greater risk compared to adults 18-49.

COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

IPD=invasive pneumococcal disease.

ADULTS 19+ WITH CERTAIN CHRONIC OR OTHER RISK CONDITIONS ARE AT INCREASED RISK, TOO

Adults living with certain chronic conditions and those taking certain medicines that suppress the immune system are at increased risk. Even those as young as 19.

Chronic or other risk conditions include*:



Asthma



COPD



Chronic heart disease



Diabetes



Certain cancers



Chronic renal failure



Nonfunctioning
or no spleen



HIV



Smoking

*This is not a complete list of risk conditions for pneumococcal disease.

Learn more about vaccination at
VaxAssist.com

GETTING VACCINATED CAN HELP PROTECT YOU.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist today.



Here are some questions you can ask
to get the conversation started:

Are different pneumococcal vaccines available?

Ask which one is right for you.

Why should I get vaccinated if I am active and healthy?

Even healthy adults 50 or older are
at increased risk for pneumococcal
pneumonia and invasive pneumococcal
disease (IPD).

How does my age affect my risk?

Being age 50 or older is a risk factor for
pneumococcal pneumonia and IPD.

How do my health conditions put me at risk?

Certain chronic conditions can increase
a person's risk for pneumococcal
pneumonia and IPD.

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