

# Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine

## Pneu-C-13 Vaccine



**Don't Wait, Vaccinate!**

This vaccine protects against 13 types (serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F and 23F) of invasive pneumococcal infections and their complications.

Diseases	Pneumococcal disease causes:	Possible complications:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ear infections</li> <li>Sinus infections</li> <li>Pneumonia</li> <li>Meningitis</li> <li>Bacteremia (blood infection)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deafness</li> <li>Permanent brain damage</li> <li>Death</li> </ul>

Vaccination is the best way to protect against pneumococcal disease and its complications. More than one vaccine dose is needed, children are best protected when they receive all doses of their vaccine on time.

Remember that most children can still be immunized even if they have a cold or mild fever.

The pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is safe. In most cases, it does not cause undesirable reactions. Always let your health care provider know about any allergies or a previous reaction to a vaccine. This vaccine should not be given if the child has:

- Previously had a serious reaction to the vaccine or any of its components
- A serious allergy to diphtheria toxoid, sodium chloride, succinic acid, or polysorbate 80

Vaccine	Possible side effects:	What to do:
	Swelling, redness and tenderness at the injection site (less than 10% of cases).	Apply a cold, damp cloth to the area.
	Other reactions may be vomiting, diarrhea, irritability, decreased appetite, drowsiness, restless sleep or a rash.	See a health care provider if you are concerned about symptoms.
	Child may run a slight fever (less than 10% of cases). A high fever, which is rare, may cause seizures.	See a health care provider if you are concerned about symptoms.
Severe allergic reactions are very rare. Most severe reactions occur shortly after receiving the vaccine.	It is important to wait 15 minutes after the injection for observation before leaving the clinic. Seek immediate medical attention if experiencing a severe reaction.	

### For more information go to:

[www.immunize.ca](http://www.immunize.ca)

[www.healthcanada.gc.ca/vaccinate](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/vaccinate)

[www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/family-health/immunization.html>