

# Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Pneu-P-23 Vaccine



*Don't Wait, Vaccinate!*

This vaccine protects against serious infections caused by 23 types of pneumococcal disease and their complications.

Diseases	Pneumococcal disease causes:	Possible complications:
	Ear infections Sinus infections Pneumonia Meningitis Bacteremia (blood infection)	Deafness Permanent brain damage Death

Pneumococcal infections are spread by contact with secretions from the nose or throat of an infected person.

Vaccination is the best way to protect against serious pneumococcal infections. The vaccine is recommended for persons 65 years of age or over and people 2 to 64 years with certain medical conditions that increase their risk of complications. These include chronic illnesses such as, heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes, cancer, organ transplant recipients and immune deficiency.

The pneumococcal polysaccharide 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.

Vaccine	Possible side effects:	What to do:
	Swelling, redness or tenderness at the injection site.	Apply a cold, damp cloth to the area.
	Some people may experience a mild fever of $\leq 38.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ .	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>