

PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE IS A SERIOUS BUT PREVENTABLE CONDITION.

Pneumococcal [noo-mo-cockle] disease is any disease caused by the *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria, including **meningitis** and bacteremic **pneumonia**.

ARE YOU AT RISK?



You are at increased risk of pneumococcal [noo-mo-cockle] disease if any of the following applies to you:

-  Over 65 years of age
-  Smoking
-  Living in long-term care facility
-  Alcoholism
-  Suffering from one or more of these conditions:
 - Weakened immune system
 - Liver disease
 - Lung disease (including asthma and COPD)
 - Neurological conditions
 - Transplants
 - Heart disease
 - Renal disease
 - Diabetes
 - Cancer
 - HIV

Ask your healthcare professional about Prevnar[®] 13.

Prevnar 13 is a pneumococcal vaccine given to children from 6 weeks to 17 years of age and adults aged 18 years and older to help protect against 13 serotypes of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria. Prevnar 13 helps protect you or your child against diseases such as meningitis, sepsis or bacteremia (bacteria in blood stream), and bacteremic pneumonia caused by thirteen serotypes of the bacteria *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

If you are **over 65, or over 18 with any of these risk factors,** talk to your healthcare professional.

Prevnar 13 should not be used if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to the active substances, to any other ingredients, or to any other vaccine that contains diphtheria toxoid.

Take special care with Prevnar 13:

- If you have any present or past medical problems after any dose of Prevnar or Prevnar 13
- If you are sick with a high fever
- If you have any bleeding problems

Prevnar 13 will only protect against disease caused by the types of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* found in the vaccine. The most common side effects reported in at least 1 in 10 adults are decreased appetite, headache, diarrhea, rash, new/aggravated joint pain, new/aggravated muscle pain, chills, fatigue, any pain/tenderness/redness/swelling/hardness at the injection site, limitation of arm movement. Common side effects reported in at least 1 in 100 adults, but less than 1 in 10 adults, are vomiting (in adults aged 50 years and over) and fever. As with any vaccine, Prevnar 13 will not protect 100% of those who receive the vaccine.