

# Pneumococcal Vaccination

Pronounced (noo-muh-KOK-uhl)

Vaccines help prevent [pneumococcal disease](#), which is any type of illness caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria. There are two kinds of pneumococcal vaccines available in the United States:

- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV13, [PCV15](#), and [PCV20](#))
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23)

CDC recommends PCV13 for all children younger than 2 years old and people 2 through 18 years old with certain medical conditions.

For those who have never received any pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, CDC recommends PCV15 or PCV20 for adults 65 years or older and adults 19 through 64 years old with certain medical conditions or risk factors. If PCV15 is used, this should be followed by a dose of PPSV23.

CDC also recommends PPSV23 for children 2 through 18 years old with certain medical conditions.

Talk with your or your child's doctor if you have questions about pneumococcal vaccines.



## What Everyone Should Know



## Information for Healthcare Professionals

CDC recommends **PCV13** for:

- All babies and children younger than 2 years old
- Children 2 through 18 years old with certain medical conditions

CDC recommends **PCV15 or PCV20** for:

- Adults 65 years or older
- Adults 19 through 64 years old with certain medical conditions or risk factors

CDC recommends **PPSV23** for:

- Children 2 through 18 years old with certain medical conditions
- Adults 19 years or older who get PCV15

## Related Pages

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[CDC's Pneumonia Website](#)

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