



Vaccinating Against Pneumococcal Disease

Did you know?

- Your immune system is weakened due to chronic kidney disease.
- Having pneumonia in the past does not protect you from all pneumococcus bacteria.
- The pneumococcal vaccine is inactivated (not live) and cannot make you sick.

Pneumococcal disease can:

- Cause pneumonia and bacteremia (infection in the blood).
- Increase the risk of dying in the elderly and people with weakened immune systems by as much as 50%.
- Spread from person to person by droplets in the air.

What can I do to prevent getting pneumococcal disease?

- Avoid large crowds.
- If friends and family are sick, stay away until they are well.
- Wash your hands frequently.

Get vaccinated!



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