

Vaccination Myth Busters

**Pneumonia
(Pneumococcal)
Vaccine**

MYTH

Pneumonia is not common or serious.

Only people over 65 years old need the pneumonia vaccine.

You cannot “catch” pneumonia, so there is no reason to get the vaccine.

FACT

Pneumonia is a serious infection that can be life threatening!

People with a chronic illness are at higher risk for pneumonia, regardless of age.

Pneumonia can be spread by coughing or sneezing.

**Hepatitis B
Vaccine**

You can get hepatitis B from eating contaminated food.

Hepatitis B is a very rare disease, so there’s no need to get the vaccine.

You can get hepatitis B from the vaccine.

Hepatitis B is spread through infected blood or body fluids.

You can have Hepatitis B and not know it.

The vaccine contains no live virus, so it cannot cause hepatitis B.

Talk to your dialysis staff **today** to make sure you have received your pneumonia and hepatitis B vaccines which are both covered by Medicare Part B.

To file a grievance about your dialysis facility, contact Network 17 at 1.800.232.3773.