

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE INFORMATION

(Pneu-C-15 Vaccine - Vaxneuvance®)

This vaccine protects against pneumococcal disease, an illness that is caused by pneumococcal bacteria.

- It can be given to children aged six weeks to six years and is routinely given as three doses administered at: two months, four months and twelve months of age
- It does not contain any live bacteria or virus, so it cannot cause this disease

Mild side effects may occur, such as:

- Redness, swelling or pain at the injection site are the most common

People should avoid this immunization if they:

- Have ever had a severe allergic (anaphylactic) reaction to a previous dose of this vaccine
- Have an allergy to any vaccine component

People should consult their health care provider before vaccination if they:

- Have complicated medical issues or previous severe reactions to vaccines

Pneumococcal Disease

- Pneumococcal bacteria are common and there are over 100 types
- Many people have them in their nose and throat without getting sick but they are still able to spread the bacteria through coughing, sneezing, kissing, or sharing food and other objects
- Pneumococcal bacteria can cause infections of the ears, sinuses and lungs. They can also lead to serious infections including septicemia (infection of the blood) and meningitis (infection of the lining that covers the brain) which can be fatal
- Anyone can get pneumococcal disease, but it is most common in young infants (under two years of age), the elderly (over 65 years of age) and in people with certain medical conditions
- The Pneu-C-15 vaccine protects against 15 types of bacteria that cause the most pneumococcal infections: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F and 33F

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