



Consent for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Immunization

This form is to be used **ONLY** in instances where a Parent/Guardian/Agent (the decision-maker) is unable to accompany their child/dependent, in person, to an immunization clinic. Instead, the decision-maker may **complete this form in advance and send it with the child/dependent** and their escort (if applicable) to the immunization clinic.

Child/Dependent personal information		
Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (yyyy-Mon-dd)
Personal Health Number		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
In order to proceed with pneumococcal polysaccharide immunization for the above named child/dependent, please answer the following questions. If you require additional space, please use the reverse side.		
Does the child/dependent have any known allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe	
Does the child/dependent have any history of chronic illness?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe	
Is the child/dependent on any medication?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe	
Has the child/dependent had a previous reaction to pneumococcal immunization?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe	
Declaration of Consent		
<p>I confirm that I have read the attached pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine information sheet regarding the risks, benefits and potential side effects associated with the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. I am aware that I must contact Health Link if I have any questions, or if I have any concerns about the child/dependent receiving the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. I have had the opportunity to have my questions answered by calling the local public health centre or Health Link. I am satisfied with and understand the information I have been given, and I consent to the child/dependent receiving the pneumococcal polysaccharide immunization.</p> <p>I understand that I may, at any time, withdraw this consent to the pneumococcal polysaccharide immunization by calling the local public health centre.</p> <p>I confirm that I have the legal authority to provide consent to this immunization.</p>		
Printed Name of Person(s) Giving Consent	Relationship to Child/Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> Parent(with the authority to consent) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Daytime Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number	
Signature of Person(s) Giving Consent	Date (yyyy-Mon-dd)	

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Telephone/Fax Consent

Mode by which consent was received

- Fax/Scan
 Telephone

Printed Name of Person Obtaining the Consent	Date (yyyy-Mon-dd)	Time
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Signature of Person Obtaining the Consent

Consent Using an Interpreter (for non-English speaking parent/client)

Interpreter's Name or ID #	Telephone	Date (yyyy-Mon-dd)	Time
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Administration Record Details

Date (yyyy-Mon-dd)	Lot Number	Dose	Site	Signature/Designation

Notes

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

What is pneumococcal disease?

Pneumococcal disease is a serious illness caused by a bacteria (germ) called *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. People 65 years and older, people with certain health conditions, and babies and young children are at higher risk of getting very sick from pneumococcal disease.

How is pneumococcal disease spread?

Pneumococcal disease is spread through the air. The bacteria get in the air when someone with the bacteria coughs, sneezes, or even talks. It can also be spread by touching objects that have been coughed or sneezed on by someone with the bacteria.

How serious is pneumococcal disease?

People can have the pneumococcal bacteria in their nose and throat without getting sick. However, the bacteria can get into other parts of the body and cause serious infections such as meningitis (brain infection), blood infection, or a lung infection (pneumonia). These serious infections can cause death or long-term problems.

What are the symptoms of pneumococcal disease?

The symptoms depend on where the infection is in the body. They can include:

- fever
- chest pain
- irritability
- feeling short of breath
- headache
- stiff neck
- feeling tired and weak
- nausea and vomiting
- seizures
- cough
- muscle aches and pains

How can I prevent pneumococcal disease?

The bacteria are becoming resistant to some of the medicine used to treat it, so preventing the infection is more important than ever.

- **Get the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine.**

The vaccine protects against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria. It can help prevent the most common types of pneumonia and other serious infections the bacteria causes.

- **Wash your hands** with soap and water or clean your hands with a hand sanitizer with alcohol in it.
- **Cover your nose and mouth** with your arm or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Is the pneumococcal vaccine safe?

Yes. In Canada, vaccines undergo laboratory and field-testing. They must pass a strict licensing procedure with the federal government before they can be used. Once a vaccine has been approved for use, every lot is tested for safety and quality. You cannot get pneumococcal disease from the pneumococcal vaccine.

Who can get the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine?

You should get the vaccine if you:

- are 65 years or older
- live in continuing or long-term care
- are homeless or living in chronically disadvantaged situations

- are 2 years or older and have any one of the below:

- alcoholism
- cancer
- chronic heart, liver, or kidney disease
- chronic lung disease, including asthma
- chronic cerebrospinal fluid leak
- chronic neurological conditions that may impair clearing oral secretions
- cochlear implant or are receiving one
- diabetes
- HIV infection or AIDS
- sickle cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies
- solid organ or stem cell transplant
- no spleen or your spleen doesn't work well
- use illicit injection drugs
- weak immune system

Who should not have the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine?

The vaccine should not be given to people who:

- have a history of severe allergic reaction or other severe unusual reaction to this vaccine or any other part of the vaccine
- are under 2 years old (the vaccine is not approved for this age group)

Tell your nurse or healthcare provider if you have had the vaccine before.

How many doses of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine do I need?

Most people only need 1 dose of the vaccine in their lifetime. Your doctor or public health nurse will tell you if you need additional doses.

What are the possible side effects to the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine?

Most people have no reaction to the vaccine. Reactions that do happen are usually mild. They usually happen within 6 to 12 hours after the immunization and are usually gone within 24 to 48 hours. About half of the people who get the vaccine have swelling and soreness at the injection site. A few people might have fever and muscle pain.

As with any immunization, unexpected or unusual side effects can happen, including a severe allergic reaction.

What should I do if I have a reaction to the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine?

- Apply a cool moist cloth where the needle was given to reduce pain and swelling.
- If you have pain, fever, or discomfort, check with your pharmacist or doctor who can recommend an appropriate medicine.
- Do not give Aspirin[®] (ASA) to children under 19 years of age.
- Report any of the unusual reactions to Health Link

Where can I get the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine?

You can get the vaccine anytime of the year at Public Health Centres. In the fall, Public Health Influenza Immunization Clinics will have the pneumococcal vaccine available for those people who qualify for it. Some doctor's offices in Alberta also give the vaccine.

For 24/7 nurse advice and general health information, call Health Link at 8-1-1. Or visit www.MyHealth.Alberta.ca for health information on line.