

If you are 65 or older, ask your doctor about the pneumococcal vaccines.

Each year in the U.S., pneumococcal disease kills thousands of adults. And, it causes thousands more to end up in the hospital. It can cause severe infections of the lungs (pneumonia), bloodstream (bacteremia), and lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis). Vaccines are the best way to prevent pneumococcal disease.

If you've never received a pneumonia vaccine or are unsure about your vaccination history, talk to your doctor. Two vaccines are recommended for adults age 65 or older.



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