

The pneumococcal vaccine 2024

Pneumococci are bacteria. People aged 60 and over can get sick more quickly and more seriously. As you grow older, your immune system gets worse. You could develop a serious illness such as pneumonia. The vaccine makes you less likely to get pneumococcal disease.



About pneumococci

- Many people have these bacteria in their nose and throat without becoming sick.
- Coughing and sneezing release the bacteria into the air.
- If you breathe them in, they could make you sick, particularly if your immune system is less effective.
- You could develop pneumonia.
- Even after you recover from pneumococcal disease, your health might not be as good. There is also a risk that you could die sooner.



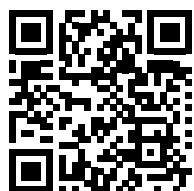
The vaccine provides protection

- For people aged 60 and over, each year the vaccine can prevent:
 - 850 of the 6,000 hospital admissions and
 - 140 of the 900 deaths.
- The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection against the most common pneumococci.

Who is being invited to get vaccinated?

You have received this invitation because you were born in 1961, 1962, 1963 or 1964.

The pneumococcal vaccine provides extra protection from pneumonia



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