Learn How You Can Protect Yourself From a Leading Killer of Seniors

Pneumococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection that can kill you. It can affect your lungs, blood, and brain. Each year, many seniors are hospitalized with pneumococcal disease. The risk of serious illness or death is even higher if you have a chronic illness.

There is a vaccine that can protect you from pneumococcal disease. Ask your health care provider about the pneumococcal shot for adults. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends getting a dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) first followed by pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) 6 to 12 months later at 65 years age (or younger for those with chronic conditions). You can get the pneumococcal shot at any time of the year, and best of all, Medicare Part B will cover the cost.

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