

Pneumococcal vaccination

Prescription from the GP is required to obtain pneumococcal vaccine at the pharmacy.

? Who is eligible for Pneumococcal vaccination?

Beneficiaries in the following categories who have not received a Pneumococcal vaccine in the past five years:

- ⊕ Beneficiaries 65 years and older irrespective of the chronic or hospital authorisation.
- ⊕ Beneficiaries between the ages of 2 and 64 years with high-risk condition(s).

The Pneumococcal vaccine claims for eligible beneficiaries will be paid from preventative benefits and will not affect your savings or day-to-day benefits across ALL options.

Beneficiaries are considered high-risk if they are above 65 years of age or if they have one or more of the following conditions:



- ⊕ Chronic heart disease, including congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathies.
- ⊕ Chronic lung diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, emphysema (chronic lung disease secondary to smoking)
- ⊕ Diabetes mellitus
- ⊕ Cerebrospinal fluid leaks
- ⊕ Cochlear implant(s)
- ⊕ Alcoholism
- ⊕ Chronic liver disease
- ⊕ Immunodeficiencies acquired at birth or later in life, such as HIV infection.
- ⊕ Chronic renal failure or nephrotic syndrome
- ⊕ Various types of Cancer such as Leukaemia, Lymphoma, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, or other generalised and metastatic malignancies
- ⊕ Medication-induced immunosuppression as a result of treatments such as radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and long-term use of corticosteroids
- ⊕ Solid organ transplant

? Where to get your pneumococcal vaccine

- ⊕ You can visit your network pharmacy, doctor (GP), or nurses' practice to get the pneumococcal vaccine.
- ⊕ Book your pneumococcal vaccination appointment today!




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