

Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing - For Adults

Do NOT administer PCV13 and PPSV23 at the same visit

PCV13

(Prevnar13 – Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine)

Who should get it?

Adults should get one dose of this vaccine before starting or continuing doses of PPSV23. It is recommended for:

- All adults 65 years or older
- Adults 19 years or older with certain medical condition
- Adults 19 years or older who are taking medications that lower the body's resistance to infection
- If an adult has received a dose of PCV13 before age 65, NO additional doses are needed
- All adults are recommended to receive ONE dose of PCV13 in a lifetime

PPSV23

(Pneumovax23 – Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine)

Who should get it?

Adults should get one, two or three doses of this vaccine, depending on their age, health condition, and timing of the first dose. It is recommended for:

- All adults 65 years or older
- Adults 19 years or older with certain health conditions
- Adults 19 years or older who have a disease or condition, or are taking medications that lower the body's resistance to infection
- Adults 19 years or older who smoke cigarettes

Who should NOT get these vaccines?

PCV13: Anyone who has ever had a life threatening allergic reaction to a dose of the vaccine, to an earlier pneumococcal vaccine called PCV7 (or Prevnar), or to any vaccine containing diphtheria toxoid (for example, DTaP), should not get PCV13. Anyone with a severe allergy to any component of PCV13 should not get the vaccine.

PPSV23: Anyone who has ever had a life threatening allergic reaction to a dose of the vaccine or with a severe allergy to any component of the vaccine should not get the vaccine.