

# Five Things to Know **ABOUT PNEUMONIA**

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**1.5 MILLION AMERICANS** are hospitalized due to pneumonia and over **40,000** die each year in the U.S. as a result of this disease.<sup>1</sup>

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Having pneumonia once **INCREASES YOUR CHANCES** of having it again.<sup>2</sup>

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The risk of contracting pneumonia can be substantially reduced with the use of **PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES**.<sup>3</sup> Even if you have already been vaccinated, you are eligible to receive one of the new pneumonia vaccines that cover more variants of the disease.

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Unlike the flu vaccine, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT** for the fall to be vaccinated for pneumonia. You can receive a pneumonia vaccine anytime during the year.

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Medicare and most insurances now **COVER THE FULL COSTS** of updated pneumonia vaccines for seniors and at-risk populations.

<sup>1</sup> FastStats - Pneumonia (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/pneumonia.htm>)

<sup>2</sup> Rates and Risk Factors for Recurrent Pneumonia in Patients Hospitalized With Community-Acquired Pneumonia: Population-Based Prospective Cohort Study With 5 Years of Follow-up - PMC (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4305150>)

<sup>3</sup> Pneumococcal Vaccination (<https://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/>)



**When are YOU getting your pneumonia vaccine?** Talk to your provider today.