

## Chronic Diseases

- People with diabetes, heart, or lung disease should get this vaccine.

## Possible Side Effects

### Mild Side Effects

- Soreness or redness where you got the shot.
- Low fever, tiredness, or headache.

## Precautions

- If you have severe allergies to this vaccine or past vaccines, speak to your doctor first.



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## Why You Need This Vaccine

The PCV20 Vaccine protects against 20 types of pneumococcal bacteria that can cause serious illnesses such as pneumonia, meningitis and infections in the blood. It helps prevent hospital stays and long-term problems.

## Dosage

- Most people need one dose.
- Some may need follow-up doses. Check with your doctor.

## How it is given

- Given as a shot in the upper arm.

## Who Should Get It?

- All adults > 50 years old.
- Adults 19-50 with the following health problems:
  - Predisposing chronic medical conditions (eg, chronic lung disease, chronic liver disease, heart failure, diabetes mellitus)
  - Increased risk of meningitis (eg, cochlear implant, cerebrospinal fluid [CSF] leak)
  - Immunocompromising conditions (eg, hematologic malignancies, chronic renal disease)
  - Diseases of the spleen

## How Long does Vaccine Protection Last

- Gives long-term protection.
- Check with your doctor for follow-up doses.

## Who Should Not Receive the Vaccine?

- People allergic to this vaccine or any of its ingredients.
- People who had a severe reaction to a similar vaccine.

## Special Situations

### Pregnant Women

- Usually safe but talk to your doctor first.

### Weakened Immune System

- Discuss risks and benefits with your doctor.