

Pneumococcal?

What is it....

and do I need to worry about it?

Pneumococcal disease is a bacterial disease that can cause three serious infections:

- meningitis (brain infection)
- bacteremia (bloodstream infection)
- pneumonia (lung infection)



Children

under the age of 2, children with a chronic illness such as sickle cell disease, pulmonary disease or kidney disease, Aboriginal children, and children with cochlear implants are at high risk.



Adults

with a chronic illness such as heart disease, diabetes, COPD, or splenectomy, adults who smoke, and adults 65 years of age and older are at high risk.



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vaccines are safe and effective and can benefit people of all ages.