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Always consult state specific charts and the Immunization Selection Tool to determine vaccine administration and dispensing policies.

ACIP Vaccination Recommendations

ACIP recommends vaccinations of any person seeking protection from pneumococcal disease with the following indications:

- Adults aged 65 years and older
- High risk medical conditions or other indications for administration of PCV13 and/or PPSV23 for children aged 7-18 years and adults aged 19-64 years: SEE FLOWCHART on pg 3 and 4. (identify the patient's age and medical indications first, then follow the recommendations accordingly)

Additional Information

- Routine pneumococcal vaccination is not recommended for American Indian/Alaska Native or other adults unless they
 have an indication as above; however, public health authorities may consider recommending the use of
 pneumococcal vaccines for American Indians/Alaska Natives or other adults who live in areas with increased risk for
 invasive pneumococcal disease.
- Anatomical or functional asplenia that are indications for pneumococcal vaccination are: sickle cell disease and other hemoglobinopathies, congenital or acquired asplenia, splenic dysfunction, and splenectomy. Administer pneumococcal vaccines at least 2 weeks before immunosuppressive therapy or an elective splenectomy, and as soon as possible to adults who are newly diagnosed with asymptomatic or symptomatic HIV infection.

Pneumococcal Vaccine Products Basics

Vaccine	FDA Approved Indication Age	Volume Dose	Route	Additional Information
Pneumococcal 13-Valent Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13)				
Prevnar 13	6 through 17 years old and ≥18 years	0.5 mL	IM	 Shake well before use; contents should be white and opaque.
				 ACIP currently only recommends routine vaccination in adults 65 years and older or in certain high risk populations; this is one dose per lifetime
Pneumococcal 23-valent Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23)				
Pneumovax 23	≥ 2 years with high risk for pneumococcal disease	0.5 mL	IM or SC	 ACIP currently recommends routine vaccination in adults 65 years and older; one or two doses per lifetime.
	≥ 50 years	0.5 mL	IM or SC	
				 May be administered with all other vaccines, including Zostavax.
Store vaccine at refrigerator temperatures of 36° to 46° F (2°-8° C). Do not freeze.				

Contraindications

Severe allergic reaction (e.g. anaphylaxis) after a previous vaccine dose or to a vaccine component.

Precautions

• Persons with moderate to severe acute illness should be deferred until the person's condition has improved.

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Adverse Reactions

- PCV13:
 - In children aged 5 through 17 years, the most commonly reported adverse reactions were injection site tenderness, injection site redness, injection site swelling, irritability, decreased appetite, or fever.
 - In adults aged 50 years and older the commonly reported adverse reactions were pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, decreased appetite, injection site redness, injection site swelling, limitation of arm movement, chills or rash.
- PPSV23: injection-site pain/soreness/tenderness, injection-site swelling/induration, headache, injection-site erythema, asthenia/fatigue, and myalgia.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Can I give Prevnar13 if the patient does not have a high-risk condition and is not ≥65 years old?

A: It depends on your State-Specific policies. The FDA approved ages for PCV13 (Prevnar 13®) administration includes persons 7 years of age and older. ACIP still only routinely recommends PCV13 for those ≥65 year OR for those at high risk for invasive pneumococcal disease between the ages of 7 and 64 years of age, which would include immunocompromising conditions, functional or anatomic asplenia, cerebrospinal fluid leaks, or cochlear implants. Please review your State-Specific policies on StoreNet to become familiar with your state's pharmacy practice regulations for vaccinations.

Q: Can I give Pneumovax23 or Prevnar13 if the patient has an egg allergy?

A: Yes, Patients with egg allergies can receive either Pneumovax 23 or Prevnar 13 as long as they have no other contraindications and per the recommended dosing schedules.

Q: Can I give Pneumovax23 or Prevnar13 if the patient has a latex allergy?

A: Yes, Patients with latex allergies can receive either Pneumovax 23 or Prevnar 13 as long as they have no other contraindications and per the recommended dosing schedules.

Q. The package insert for Prevnar13 state that antibody response was diminished for Prevar13 when administered with inactived influenza vaccine. Does this mean we should not administer Prevnar13 with the flu shot?

A. You can administer both vaccines at the same time. Additional review from the available data show that changes to antibody response were not clinically significant. If PCV13 and influenza are both indicated they can be administered at the same visit. Remember to administer the two vaccines in alternate injection sites and clearly document this information on the patient's VAR form.

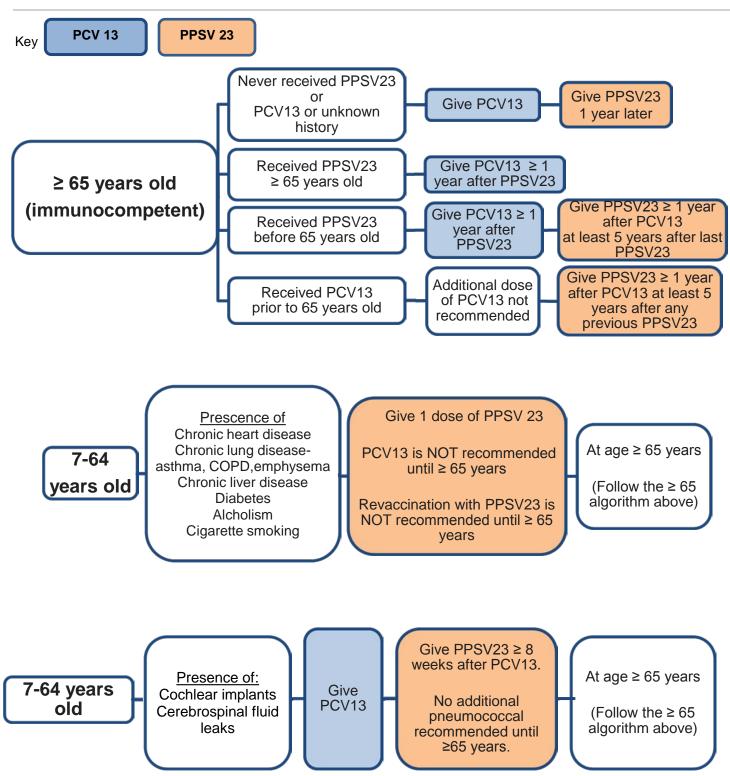
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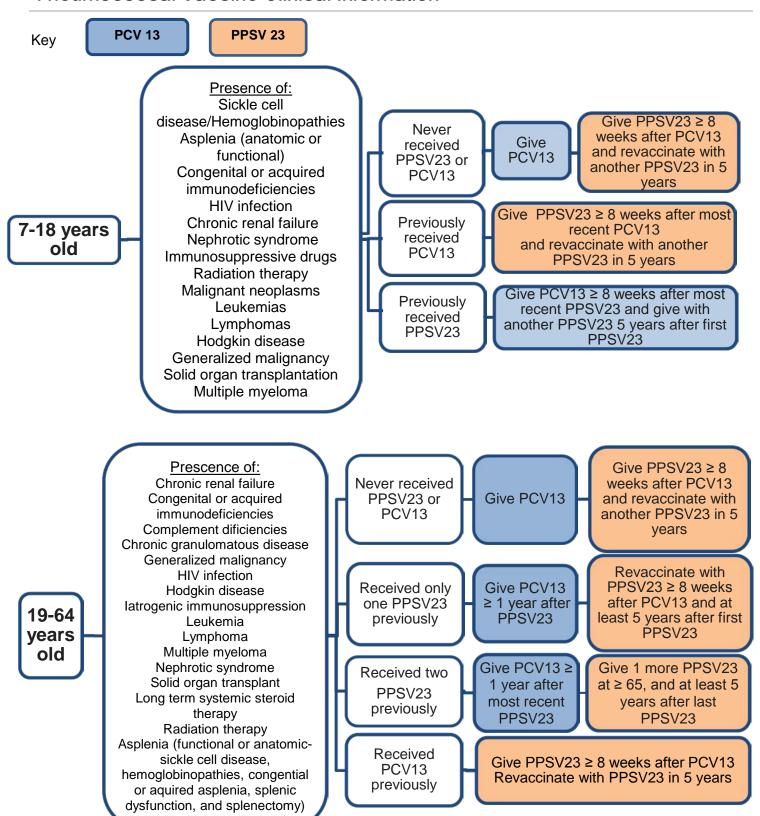




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