# PROTECT AGAINST THE PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE!

## The pneumococcal conjugate (PNEU-C13) vaccine



### What is PNEU-C13 Vaccine?

This conjugate vaccine protects against 13 strains of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease.

Pneumococcal disease can lead to lung, airway, blood, middle ear infections, and brain infections (meningitis).



#### Who should get this vaccine?

Children receive three doses of this vaccine starting at 2 months of age as part of the routine immunization schedule.

#### Who should not get this vaccine?

- If you have an allergy to any component of the vaccine.
- If you had a severe or unusual side effect after this vaccine or one like it.

#### What are the side effects of this vaccine?



Side effects are generally mild and temporary: redness, swelling, soreness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, chills, body aches, poor appetite, vomiting, loose stool, and rash.

Side effects can be managed by using a cool, wet cloth to reduce soreness and swelling at the injection site. Over-the-counter fever or pain relievers can help; consult your doctor or pharmacist for the right medicine and dose.

#### If you have any additional questions or want to schedule your vaccination, you can:

- Call Health Link at 811
- Call AIMGA's Multilingual Health Hub for Newcomers Phone Line at 1-587-392-8062
- Contact your family physician or primary care network
- Visit booking.aimga.ca to book a patient navigator







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