PNEUMOVAX 23
(Pneumococcal Vaccine Polyvalent)

QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE DIABETES

- Does diabetes increase my risk for pneumococcal disease?
- How could pneumococcal disease affect me?
- Can PNEUMOVAX 23 help lower my risk for pneumococcal disease?
- Why is pneumococcal vaccination important?
- When should I get vaccinated with PNEUMOVAX 23?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

ABOUT *PNEUMOVAX 23*

PNEUMOVAX 23 is a vaccine that is given as a shot. It helps protect you from infection by certain germs or bacteria which are called pneumococcus (pronounced "noo-mo-ca-cus").

PNEUMOVAX 23 is for people 50 years of age and older, and those 2 years of age and older if they have certain medical conditions that put them at increased risk for infection.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

PNEUMOVAX 23 may not protect everyone who gets it. It will not protect against diseases that are caused by bacteria types that are not in the vaccine.

You should not get PNEUMOVAX 23 if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, had an allergic reaction to PNEUMOVAX 23 in the past, or are less than 2 years of age.

Before getting PNEUMOVAX 23, tell your health care professional if you or your child are allergic to the vaccine, have heart or lung problems, have a fever, have immune problems, or are receiving radiation treatment or chemotherapy, are pregnant or breastfeeding.

PNEUMOVAX 23 may not prevent pneumococcal meningitis in patients with leakage of spinal fluid caused by a cracked or injured skull or a medical operation.

Talk to your health care professional if you plan to get ZOSTAVAX® (Zoster Vaccine Live) at the same time as PNEUMOVAX 23 because it may be better to get these vaccines at least 4 weeks apart. Also talk to your health care professional if you plan to get PNEUMOVAX 23 at the same time as other vaccines.

The most common side effects of PNEUMOVAX 23 are: pain, warmth, soreness, redness, swelling, and hardening at the injection site, headache, weakness and feeling tired, and muscle pain. Tell your health care professional or get help right away if you have any of the following problems, which may be signs of an allergic reaction: difficulty breathing, wheezing, rash, hives.

Side effects at the site where you get the shot may be more common and may feel worse after a second shot than after the first shot. Tell your health care professional if you or your child has a side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

If you would like more information about PNEUMOVAX 23, talk to your health care professional.

Please read the accompanying Patient Information for PNEUMOVAX 23 and discuss it with your health care professional. The physician Prescribing Information also is available.

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