



SAND RUN PHARMACY

Newsletter



March 2015

Prevnar 13

What you need to know about the new vaccine

Patients 65 years of age or older are already at an increased risk for pneumococcal pneumonia, which is becoming harder to treat. The key is prevention! Talking to your doctor or pharmacist about what you can do to decrease your risk of getting pneumonia can help you with your decision to get the vaccine. The risk for pneumococcal pneumonia increases with the presence of chronic conditions such as asthma, breathing problems, heart disease, liver problems, diabetes, and tobacco smoking.

Difference between Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23

- ◆ Prevnar 13 has thirteen different strains that help prevent pneumococcal pneumonia. Twelve of the strains that are in Prevnar 13 are also in Pneumovax 23. The main difference between Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23 is there is 1 unique strain that is very prevalent, which is only in Prevnar 13.

Who is Prevnar 13 for?

- ◆ Prevnar 13 is approved for adults aged 50 and over. Even if you're as young as 50, consider doing something to help prevent pneumococcal pneumonia. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist to see if Prevnar 13 is right for you.



Symptoms of pneumococcal pneumonia

- ◆ Chest pain with breathing or coughing
- ◆ High fever, shaking, and chills
- ◆ Excessive sweating
- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ A cough with phlegm that persists or gets worse



Schedule for Vaccination

- ◆ Adults aged 65 years or older who have not yet received a pneumococcal vaccine should receive Prevnar 13® first, and receive a subsequent dose of pneumococcal vaccine 6 months later to better protect against pneumococcal pneumonia.
- ◆ Adults previously vaccinated with pneumococcal vaccine at ages 65 or older should receive Prevnar 13® at least 1 year after the most recent dose of pneumococcal vaccine.
- ◆ Adults previously vaccinated with pneumococcal vaccine before the age of 65 who are now 65 years or older should receive Prevnar 13® at least one year after the most recent dose of pneumococcal vaccine. Patients should then receive a subsequent dose of pneumococcal vaccine no sooner than 5 years after the most recent dose of pneumococcal vaccine to help better prevent pneumococcal pneumonia.

Side Effects of Vaccines

- ◆ Mild pain
- ◆ Redness
- ◆ Swelling at injection site



Insurance Coverage

- ◆ Prevnar 13 is covered for all eligible Medicare patients via their Part B fee-for-service benefit
- ◆ Prevnar 13 is available to Medicare Part B patients with \$0 in out-of-pocket costs for the vaccine
- ◆ If you are between the ages 50-64, check with your insurance provider to see if you are covered
- ◆ Most private insurance companies cover pneumococcal vaccines, check with your insurance provider for details

If you have any questions, feel free to ask your pharmacists at Sand Run Pharmacy.

Happy March St. Patrick's Day

Upcoming Events:

◆ **Summit Mall Pet Expo**

March 22th, Sunday

9 am to 5 pm

3265 West Market Street

Fairlawn, Ohio 44333

Wag n' Walk: 9 am - 10 am

Blessing of the Animals: 10:15am

**All proceeds are going to PAWSibilities,
Humane Society of Greater Akron.



◆ **The Wave 107.3 Senior Luncheon**

March 24th, Tuesday

The Tangier, 532 West Market Street

Doors open at 11am

Tickets are \$15

For tickets, call 216-264-4636

Spring Forward

March 8th, 2015

Don't forget to set your clocks one
hour ahead!



Poison Prevention Week: *March 15 - 21*

**When in doubt,
check it out!**



- ◆ More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country.
- ◆ More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home

Poison Prevention Tips

1. Store medicines, household chemicals, and cleaning products in their original containers.
2. Store medicines and household products where children cannot see or reach them.
3. Use child-resistant packaging. Replace the caps tightly.
4. Store household products separately from food and medicines.
5. Read the label before taking or giving medicine.
6. Use medicine only as directed
7. Use household products according to label directions. Mixing household products can cause dangerous gases to form.
8. Keep appliances, furnaces, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves in working order
9. Install a carbon monoxide alarm.
10. Use adequate lighting when taking or giving medication in order to ensure proper dosing and techniques

**Put the poison center number on or near your
phone:**

1-800-222-1222

For more information visit the Poison Prevention
Website at:

www.poisonprevention.org



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www.sandrunpharmacy.com

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