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Dear EZIZ Users,

Older Adults and High-Risk Patients Need Pneumococcal Vaccine

Pneumococcal vaccination rates are too low. About 6 in 10 older adults get this vaccine—the rate drops to just 20% for high-risk younger adults. Pneumococcal bacterial infections can be serious, even deadly to those at risk. Do your patients need this vaccine?

Who should get pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23)?

The [CDC](#) recommends **PPSV23** vaccine for persons:

- **Aged 65 years or older,**
or
- **With underlying conditions:**
 - **chronic illness** e.g., lung, heart, liver or kidney disease; asthma; diabetes; or alcoholism
 - **cigarette use**

Who should get pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) and then PPSV23?

- **Persons who:**
 - **are immunocompromised;** e.g., have HIV/AIDS, cancer, damaged/absent spleen
 - **have cochlear implants or cerebrospinal fluid leaks**

Protect Your Patients!

1. Recommend and offer pneumococcal vaccine to patients who haven't had it when they come in for a flu shot
2. Provide handouts, like this [NFID fact sheet on pneumococcal disease](#), to your patients
3. Inform your medical team with [pneumococcal vaccine talking points](#) and the [adult vaccination toolkit](#)

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