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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