





	<p>Pneumococcal vaccination</p>
	<p>Pneumococci are bacteria. They can make older people sicker more quickly because their immune response is generally weaker. You can develop a serious illness such as pneumonia. The vaccination reduces your risk of becoming sick as a result of pneumococci.</p>
	<p>How can you become sick?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These bacteria can be found in the nose and throat of many people without their becoming sick as a result. • The bacteria are ejected into the air via coughing and sneezing. <p>When other people inhale this air, they can become infected and fall ill. This is especially true of people with a weaker immune system.</p>
	<p>So what are the consequences?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumonia is the most frequent illness caused by pneumococci under persons older than 60 years of age. <p>After developing an illness caused by pneumococci, your health can be negatively impacted for a long time. And your life expectancy will be reduced.</p>
	<p>The vaccination protects you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under persons older than 60 years, vaccination can have the following annual impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preventing 800 out of a total of 6000 hospital admissions and - 120 out of 900 deaths. <p>The pneumococcal vaccination provide protection against the most common pneumococci. But it does not prevent all pneumococcal disease.</p>

	<p>Who will be invited to take part?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people are the most vulnerable. You will therefore receive an invitation if you were born between 1941 and 1947. • After the age of 80, the pneumococcal vaccination does not provide much protection. People older than 80 are therefore not invited to receive the pneumococcal vaccination.
	<p>The pneumococcal vaccination provides extra protection against pneumonia.</p>
	<p>For more information go to:</p> <p>www.rivm.nl/pneumokokken www.thuisarts.pneumokokken</p>

