

Invitation for pneumococcal vaccination

Patient name and address
Postal code and town/city of patient Date,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Via this letter, I would like to invite you for the pneumococcal vaccination. Pneumococci are bacteria that can make you very sick, considering your age. Persons who become 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, or 79 years old this year receive an invitation for this vaccination.

What does the vaccination do?

The vaccination reduces your risk of becoming sick as a result of pneumococci. It reduces your risk of developing pneumonia. After 5 years, the vaccination is no longer effective.

In which circumstances should you call the practice?

- If you have a fever on the day that you receive the vaccination.
- If you know from previous experience that you are allergic for this vaccination or for phenol.
- If you have received this vaccination previously, for example in the hospital.
- If you are presently receiving chemotherapy or have had chemotherapy in the last 3 months.
- If you cannot come in on the date listed below.

Are there any side effects?

- After the vaccination, your arm may be a bit painful. The location of the vaccination may become red and swollen. This usually disappears after a few days. The location of the vaccination may be more painful than after the flu shot.
- You may feel mildly unwell for a few days after having the vaccination. Your body will develop resistance against the pneumococci.

Your invitation

You will be given the vaccination free of charge. You can receive the vaccination against pneumococci at the date and time listed below:

Date:
Time:
Place:

- Bring this letter with you to the appointment.
- You will receive the vaccination in your upper arm. You should therefore wear clothes that will allow you to easily reveal your upper arm.
- If you have also received an invitation for the flu vaccination on the same day, please take both letters with you to the appointment. You will get the flu vaccination in your other upper arm.

Would you like to know more?

- Then read the information on the reverse side of this invitation.
- www.thuisarts.nl/pneumokokken
- www.rivm.nl/pneumokokkenprik

Or contact the General Practitioner (GP) practice

Your GP