IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF ELDERLY CARE IN INDIANA:
Reducing the Incidence of Vaccine-Preventable Pneumonia and Related Morbidity and Mortality

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Pneumococcal Disease: Morbidity and Mortality
**Streptococcus pneumoniae** (Pneumococcus)

- Gram-positive bacteria
  - 91 known serotypes
  - Relatively limited number of serotypes cause majority of invasive pneumococcal disease
- Spread by person-to-person contact and airborne droplets
  - Pneumonia
  - Bacteremia
  - Meningitis


### Clinical Syndromes of Pneumococcal Disease

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| Pneumococcal pneumonia    | • Estimated 175,000 hospitalizations per year  
                            • Up to 36% of adult community-acquired pneumonia and 50% of hospital-acquired pneumonia | 5%-7%, higher in elderly |
| Pneumococcal bacteremia   | More than 50,000 cases per year | ~20%; up to 60% among the elderly |
| Pneumococcal meningitis   | Estimated 3,000-6,000 cases per year | ~30%, up to 80% in the elderly |

All Age Groups

Meningitis (6.6%)

Bacteremia without focus (14.5%)

Pneumonia with bacteremia (72.9%)


The Burden of Pneumococcal Disease is High in Older Adults

Adults ≥65 Years

Total Burden in 2004

- 4 million episodes
- $3.5 billion in direct medical costs
- Approximately 400,000 inpatients with pneumococcal pneumonia

Most serious cases

Majority of direct medical costs ($1.8 billion)

242,000 inpatients with pneumococcal pneumonia

### S. pneumoniae Cases and Deaths: US 2011

![Chart showing cases and deaths per 100,000 population by age group.](chart.png)


### Invasive Pneumococcal Disease Risk Factors

- **Comorbidities**
  - Alcohol abuse
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Chronic lung disease
  - Cigarette smoking
  - Asthma
  - Recent influenza infection
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Neurological disorders

- **Certain ethnic groups**
  - American Indians, Alaska Natives, African Americans in the US

- **Immune deficiencies**
  - B cell defects
  - Deficiencies of early components of classical pathway of complement
  - Asplenia
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Hematological or solid malignancies
  - Organ transplant recipients
  - HIV infection
  - Immunosuppressive drugs

Pneumococcal Disease: How Are We Doing in Indiana?

Pneumococcal Disease Incidence Rates Vary by Age: Indiana 2009

Pneumococcal Cases by County for All Ages: Indiana 2009

• Incidence rates among counties reporting five or more cases were highest in:
  – Decatur (31.9/100,000 population)
  – Grant (30.5/100,000 population)
  – Sullivan (28.4/100,000 population)


Healthy People 2020 Update

• Goal: Decrease the incidence of invasive pneumococcal infections to 31 per 100,000 persons aged 65 and older
• In Indiana, the incidence rate for adults aged 65 and older was 23.2 per 100,000 population in 2009

Pneumococcal Disease: Vaccination

Invasive Pneumococcal Disease Among Adults ≥65 Years, 1998/99-2007

Change in Serotype-Specific Incidence of Invasive Pneumococcal Infections


Licensed Pneumococcal Vaccines in the US

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<td>Trade Name (manufacturer)</td>
<td>Prevnar (Wyeth)</td>
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<td>Formulation</td>
<td>PCV13 is a vaccine indicated for prevention of pneumococcal disease caused by S. pneumoniae serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F</td>
<td>PPSV23 is a vaccine indicated for prevention of pneumococcal disease caused by the 23 serotypes contained in the vaccine (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 8, 9N, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 16B, 17F, 18C, 19F, 19A, 20, 22F, 23F, and 33F).</td>
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| Indications       | PCV13 is approved for prevention of pneumococcal disease in:  
  • Children 6 weeks through 17 years of age  
  • Adults 50 years of age and older  
  PCV13 is approved for prevention of otitis media caused by S. pneumoniae serotypes in children 6 weeks through 5 years of age | PPSV23 is approved for use in persons 50 years of age or older and persons aged ≥22 years who are at increased risk for pneumococcal disease |

ACIP Recommendations: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) for Adults

Single dose recommended for:
• Adults aged ≥19 years with immunocompromising conditions, functional or anatomic asplenia, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leaks, or cochlear implants
• **Pneumococcal vaccine-naïve persons:** Adults aged ≥19 years with immunocompromising conditions who have not previously received PCV13 or PPSV23 should receive a dose of PCV13 first, followed by a dose of PPSV23 at least 8 weeks later.
• **Previous vaccination with PPSV23:** Adults aged ≥19 years with immunocompromising conditions who previously have received ≥1 doses of PPSV23 should be given a PCV13 dose ≥1 year after the last PPSV23 dose was received. For those who require additional doses of PPSV23, the first such dose should be given no sooner than 8 weeks after PCV13 and at least 5 years after the most recent dose of PPSV23.

CDC. MMWR. 2012;61(40):816-819.

In August 2014, ACIP recommended routine use of PCV13 in series with PPSV23, for all adults aged 65 years and older. For full information on the sequential administration and recommended intervals for the vaccinations, please refer to [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6337a4.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6337a4.htm).

ACIP Recommendations: Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23) for Adults

Single dose recommended for:
• All ≥65 years
• Adults aged 19-64 years with chronic or immunosuppressing medical conditions, including chronic cardiovascular disease, asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes, cigarette smoking, alcoholism, chronic liver disease, CSF leaks, asplenia, cochlear implants

Revaccination:
“A second dose of PPSV23 is recommended 5 years after the first dose for persons aged 19-64 years with functional or anatomic asplenia and for persons with immunocompromising conditions”

CDC. MMWR. 2010;59(34):1102-1106.
**Contraindications to Pneumococcal Vaccination**

- Severe allergy to a vaccine component or previous life-threatening allergic reaction to PCV13 or PPSV23
- Adults with mild illness can be vaccinated; those with moderate or severe illness may require waiting until recovery to be vaccinated

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**Efficacy of PPV23 in Adults**

- Meta-analysis of 25 studies
  - 18 randomized controlled trials (RCTs), N=64,852
  - 7 non-RCTs, N=62,294

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<td>All-cause pneumonia</td>
<td>0.71 (0.45-1.12)</td>
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<td>All-cause mortality</td>
<td>0.90 (0.74-1.09)</td>
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Efficacy of PPV23 in Older Adults

- Retrospective cohort study; N=47,365; ≥65 years; 1998-2001

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<td>1.14 (1.02-1.28)</td>
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<td>Outpatient pneumonia</td>
<td>1.04 (0.96-1.13)</td>
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<td>Community-acquired pneumonia</td>
<td>1.07 (0.99-1.14)</td>
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Acceptance of PPV23 Vaccination of Elderly in Nontraditional Settings

- Systemic symptoms similar or lower during postvaccination vs comparison week
  - Fever more common postvaccination (3% vs 0.3%; P<0.01)
  - Local symptoms (soreness, redness, or swelling) in 23.1%
- High patient satisfaction
  - Very convenient: 96.2%
  - Very satisfied: 97.0%
  - Would recommend to family/friend: 99.4%

**Efficacy of PCV13 in Older Adults**

- Approval in adults based on immunogenicity studies comparing PCV13 antibody responses with PPSV23
  - In adults aged 60–64 and >70 years, PCV13 elicited mean antibody titers comparable with, or higher than, responses elicited by PPSV23
  - In studies of HIV-infected subjects, antibody responses to single dose of PCV7 comparable with PPSV23
- PCV13 tolerability comparable to PPSV23
- Randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial of PCV in adults ≥ 65 years ongoing


**FAQs About Adult Vaccination**

- Can other vaccines be administered at the same as PCV13 or PPSV23?
  - Yes, PCV13 or PPSV23 are inactivated vaccines and can be administered with other vaccines, including the influenza vaccine with a few exceptions: PCV13 and PPSV23 can’t be given at the same time and there are specifications for administration of PCV13 and the meningococcal conjugate vaccine in patients that are candidates for both vaccines
- A patient in a recommended risk group for PPSV23 or PCV13 isn’t sure if they have previously received the vaccine, can they be vaccinated?
  - Yes, a patient without a documented vaccination history can receive the recommended doses; an extra dose will not cause harm.

FAQs About Adult Vaccination (cont)

- Should a healthy 75-year-old patient who was given PPSV23 at age 65 years be revaccinated?
  - No, adults first vaccinated at age 65 years or older need only one dose.

- Does a patient who was vaccinated with PPSV23 before age 65 need an additional dose of PPSV23 at age 65 or later?
  - Yes, patients who received PPSV23 for any indication at age 64 years or younger should receive an additional dose of PPSV23 vaccine at age 65 years or older if at least 5 years have elapsed since their previous PPSV23 dose.


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Adults ≥65 Years in Indiana With Pneumococcal Vaccine: 2011

Healthy People 2020 goal: Increase the percentage of institutionalized adults (persons aged 18 years and older in long-term or nursing homes) who are vaccinated against pneumococcal disease to 90%.

- Yes: 70.5%
- No: 29.5%

Influenza and Pneumococcal Infection

- Influenza increases pneumococcal disease incidence
  - Sequential-infection hypothesis: 1918–19 influenza pandemic caused by novel influenza strain followed by secondary opportunistic bacterial pneumonias

- Vaccination for seasonal influenza missed opportunity for pneumococcal vaccination
  - Concomitant use of PPSV23 with seasonal influenza vaccine is cost-effective and has additive effects on all-cause mortality

Influenza Vaccines

- Seasonal flu vaccines protect against three influenza viruses (trivalent) estimated to be most common
  - Quadrivalent vaccines anticipated to be available for 2013-2014 season
  - Cell-based vaccine recently approved for patients with severe egg allergy

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<td>Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine</td>
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<td>Nasal spray</td>
<td>2-49 years (not pregnant)</td>
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CDC. http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm

Influenza-like Illnesses in Indiana

Indiana State Department of Health.
Healthy People 2020 Update

• Goal: Increase the percentage of institutionalized adults aged 18 years and older in long-term or nursing homes who are vaccinated annually against seasonal influenza to 90%

• In Indiana, 66.4% of adults ≥65 years received the influenza vaccine in 2010

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<td>195</td>
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<td>Lake County</td>
<td>313</td>
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<td>Marion County</td>
<td>457</td>
<td>69.1</td>
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Influenza Vaccination of HCPs Reduces Risks of Residents

• Increased vaccination among direct-care employees significantly decreased outbreaks of laboratory-confirmed influenza and influenza-like illness in 75 LTCFs in New Mexico

• Vaccination rates of 60% significantly decrease influenza-like illness, mortality, and influenza hospitalizations in a series of UK nursing home residents

Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health-Care Personnel

- Internet panel survey of 2,348 HCP during April 2012
- Overall, 66.9% reported having an influenza vaccination for the 2011-12 season
- Healthy People 2020 goal: Increase the percentage of health care personnel who are vaccinated annually against seasonal influenza to 90%

MMWR. 2012;61:753-757.

Improving Vaccination Rates
Why Aren’t We Achieving Goals?

- Missed opportunities to vaccinate
  - Failure to assume responsibility
  - Competing priorities
  - Incomplete/inaccessible documentation of previous vaccines
  - Health care system delivery challenges
- Refusal of vaccine by patients
  - Lack of perception about risk
  - Misconceptions about vaccine efficacy
  - Fear of adverse events
- Healthcare provider lack of knowledge or fear
- Lack of access/availability


Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Vaccination

Educating Residents

- Display educational materials (eg, posters, fact sheets) in common areas
- Urge families to encourage vaccination
- Encourage residents to incorporate pneumococcal and other vaccines into wellness efforts
- Use strong language, eg, “You should be vaccinated”
- Inform recipients about Medicare and Medicaid coverage of pneumococcal vaccination
- Engage trusted community leaders


NFID Survey: Motivating Patients

The two top reasons why adults are most likely to get a vaccine are to prevent spreading illness to family members or others and because a doctor or other HCP recommended it

Percent

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<td>Knowledge about vaccine effectiveness</td>
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<td>Knowledge about vaccine-preventable disease and cancer</td>
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<td>Information about severity of vaccine-preventable disease</td>
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Healthcare Provider Roles

- Educate yourself and other health care workers
- Recommend vaccination to high-priority patients
- Set up systems for promoting vaccination
- Evaluate your efforts and provide feedback
- Consider new locations for vaccine delivery
- Get vaccinated!


Standing Orders Programs (SOPs) to Improve Adult Vaccination Rates

- Nurses and pharmacists offer and administer vaccinations
  - Established physician- and medical director-approved policies and protocols
  - Recommended by ACIP
- Accumulating data supports effectiveness
  - Pharmacist SOP in LTCFs increased rates
  - Nursing protocols more effective than patient reminders
  - Hospital-based SOP increased vaccination in high-risk patients

**SOPs In LTCFs**

- Intervention study of LTCFs implementing SOPs for pneumococcal vaccines
  - 28% of facilities with $\geq 10\%$ increase in pneumococcal immunizations
- Predictors of success included:
  - Adoption of recording pneumococcal immunizations in a consistent place
  - Affiliation with a multifacility chain
  - Provision of resource materials


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**Barriers to SOPs**

- Survey of Medicare- or Medicaid-licensed LTCFs in 13 states
- Few LTCFs have SOPs for influenza (9%) or pneumococcal vaccination (7%)
  - Influenza SOPs more frequently used in government owned and nonprofit entities compared with for-profit entities
  - SOP use varies by state
- Barriers to SOPs include legal concerns: facility liability (53%) and staff lacking authority (39%) to vaccinate by SOPs

Vaccination Among Healthcare Providers

![Bar chart showing reasons for not receiving influenza vaccination]


Promoting Vaccination Among Staff

**Healthy work force**
- Employees report to work regularly
- Employees are more productive while working

**Protects vulnerable members of community (herd immunity)**
- Young children
- Immunodeficient patients
- Those who cannot be vaccinated

Increasing Staff Vaccination Rates

- ACIP recommends that all HCP receive an annual influenza vaccination
- Interventions
  - Educational and promotional campaigns
  - Access to seasonal influenza vaccine
  - Permit declination statements
- Some facilities and states (not Indiana) mandate influenza vaccination for certain HCPs
- Free on-site influenza vaccination improves vaccination rates in HCPs


Resources in Indiana

- Department of Health
  - [http://www.state.in.us/idh/25720.htm](http://www.state.in.us/idh/25720.htm)
  - Quick fact sheets
  - MyVaxIndiana Immunization Portal
Resources in Indiana (cont)

- Indiana Immunization Coalition
  - [http://www.vaccinateindiana.org](http://www.vaccinateindiana.org)
  - Disease information
  - Vaccination schedules
  - Immunization providers

Quality Improvement Plan
Quality Improvement Plan

- Participants collectively develop a customized quality improvement (QI) plan specific to your facility (based on initial performance data from resident chart reviews) to increase pneumococcal and influenza vaccination rates.

Potential Quality Improvement Strategies

- Establish methods of documenting resident vaccinations
- Develop procedures to check vaccination status of new residents
- Implement several approaches to educate staff, caregivers, family, and residents on vaccinations
- Develop standing order programs
- Provide opportunities for onsite vaccination of residents and staff
### Quality Improvement Plan

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