

SHOTS (PNEUMOCOCCAL)



Hello,

My name is Al Castellanos and I am a licensed insurance agent. Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well I am here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

Shots (flu) is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

What is it?

Pneumococcal disease is a name for any infection caused by bacteria called *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, or pneumococcus. Pneumococcal infections can range from ear and sinus infections to pneumonia and bloodstream infections.

- Fever and chills
- Cough
- Rapid breathing or difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Headache
- Low alertness
- Ear pain Sleepiness

Complications:

- Meningitis
- Bacteremia
- Pneumonia
- Sinus and Ear infections

Risk Factors:

Conditions that increase the risk of invasive pneumococcal disease among adults include:

- Decreased immune function from disease or drugs
- Functional or anatomic asplenia
- Chronic heart, lung (including asthma), liver, or renal disease
- Cigarette smoking
- Cerebrospinal fluid leak or cochlear implant

Who's covered?

All people with Medicare.

How often is it covered?

Most people only need one shot once in their lifetime. A different, second shot, is covered 11 months after you get the first shot. Talk with your doctor or other qualified health care provider to see if you need these shots.

Your cost if you have Original Medicare

You pay nothing if your doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts assignment for giving the shot.

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact me at (281) 642-4082 or at alcastellanos@prinsuco.com.