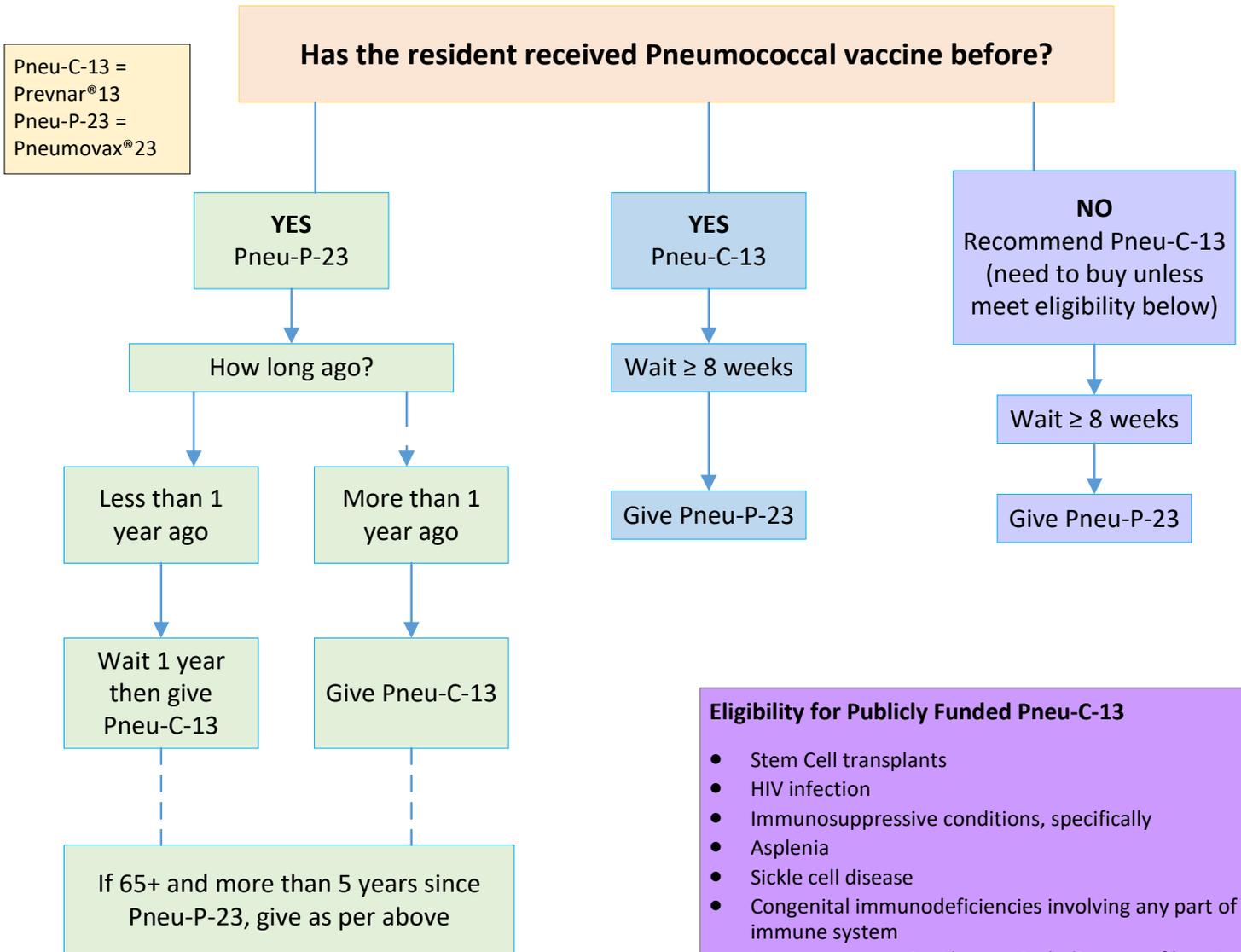


Pneumococcal Immunization Recommendations for LTCHs and Retirement Homes

At age 65, everyone should receive a dose of Pneu-P-23 (this is regardless of whether they have received any previous doses of either Pneumococcal vaccines). This dose needs to be at least 8 weeks after any previous dose of Pneu-C-13 and at least 5 years after any previous dose of Pneu-P-23.

All clients over the age of 50 are recommended to receive the Pneu-C-13 vaccine, but only some clients are eligible for it publicly funded (free). See the box below for eligibility.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-4-active-vaccines/page-16-pneumococcal-vaccine.html>



As per the Publicly Funded Schedule, the following high risk people should receive a one-time booster dose of Pneu-P-23 at least 5 years after their initial dose:

- Asplenia
- Sickle cell disease
- Chronic liver disease, including hepatic cirrhosis, chronic kidney failure or nephrotic syndrome
- Immunosuppression related to disease or therapy
- Chronic heart, lung (including asthma), liver or renal disease
- Cigarette smoking
- Cerebrospinal fluid leak

Eligibility for Publicly Funded Pneu-C-13

- Stem Cell transplants
- HIV infection
- Immunosuppressive conditions, specifically
- Asplenia
- Sickle cell disease
- Congenital immunodeficiencies involving any part of the immune system
- Immunosuppressive therapy including use of long term corticosteroids, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, post organ transplant, biologic and non-biologic immunosuppressive therapies for rheumatologic and other inflammatory diseases
- Malignant neoplasms including leukemia and lymphoma
- Solid organ or islet cell transplant

