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Pneumococcal High-Risk Pediatric Enhancement and Updated Health Care Provider Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Fact Sheets

Attention: Physicians, Hospitals, Infection Control Practitioners, Community Health Centres, Walk-In Urgent Care Clinic, Nurse Practitioner, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Midwives, Family Health Team, Indigenous Healthcare & Community, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Corrections

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Effective immediately, **children who are 17 years of age and younger with the following conditions who have previously completed their immunization schedule with pneumococcal 13-valent conjugate (Pneu-C-13) vaccine, are now eligible for one dose of pneumococcal 20-valent conjugate (Pneu-C-20) vaccine:**

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| 1. Asplenia (functional or anatomic), splenic dysfunction | 10. Chronic cardiac disease |
| 2. Congenital (primary) immunodeficiencies involving any part of the immune system | 11. Chronic liver disease, including hepatitis B & C |
| 3. HIV infection | 12. Chronic respiratory disease, excluding asthma, except those treated with high dose corticosteroid therapy |
| 4. Immunocompromising therapy | 13. Chronic neurologic conditions that may impair clearance of oral secretions |
| 5. Malignant neoplasms, including leukemia and lymphoma | 14. Diabetes mellitus |
| 6. Sickle-cell disease and other sickle cell hemoglobinopathies | 15. Cochlear implant recipients (pre/post implant) |
| 7. Solid organ or islet cell transplant (recipient) | 16. Chronic cerebral spinal fluid leak |
| 8. Hepatic cirrhosis due to any cause | 17. Residents of chronic care facilities or wards |
| 9. Chronic renal disease, including nephrotic syndrome | 18. Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) (recipient) |

Note: The eligibility for the adult pneumococcal program remains the same.

The Ministry of Health: Health Care Provider Facts sheets released July 2024 should be discarded. Health Care Providers should refer to the following fact sheets for additional information about the program transition, the vaccines, and eligibility criteria:

- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Children Aged 6 Weeks to 17 Years](#)
- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine for Adults Aged 18 Years and Older](#)
- [Vaccine Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Vaccine Program for Individuals Aged 6 Weeks and Older](#)

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