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INFLUENZA AND PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Influenza Vaccine The following guideline provides recommendations for members who should receive the Influenza vaccine.	
Individuals who should receive the vaccine:	• All people including 65 years of age or older • People with chronic health conditions i.e. heart disease, COPD
Frequency:	• Yearly doses are recommended
Recommendations	There are 3 flu vaccines that are preferentially recommended : • Fluzone High-Dose inactivated flu vaccine • Flublok recombinant flu vaccine • Fluad adjuvanted inactivated flu vaccine If none of the 3 flu vaccines preferentially recommended for people 65 years and older is available at the time of administration, people in this age group can get any other age-appropriate flu vaccine instead.
Pneumococcal Vaccine The following guideline provides recommendations for members who should receive pneumococcal vaccine.	
Individuals who should receive the vaccine:	• Adults 65 years and older.
Recommendations	For adults 65 years or older Who have never received any pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, and whose previous vaccination history is unknown, administer PCV15, PCV20, or PCV21. • If PCV15 is used, administer a dose of PPSV23 A one year later. Only one dose of PPSV23 is indicated. If PPSV23 was previously administered, another dose isn't needed. The patient's pneumococcal vaccinations are complete. The minimum interval is 8 weeks and can be considered in adults with: • An immunocompromising condition • A cochlear implant • A cerebrospinal fluid leak Adults have the option to get PCV20 or PCV21, or to not get additional pneumococcal vaccines. They can get PCV20 or PCV21 if they have received both • PCV13 (but not PCV15, PCV20, or PCV21) at any age • PPSV23 at or after the age of 65 years old
This guideline is based on 2025 https://www.cdc.gov/flu/vaccines/vaccinations.html , 2026 https://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/hcp/vaccine-recommendations/index.html Individual patient considerations and advances in medical science may supersede or modify these recommendations	