

Guide of subsidy for the expense of pneumococcal vaccination for the elderly

【Please make sure to read the guide before vaccination.】

Only if the said person wishes to get vaccination, the person can inoculate with this vaccine. Vaccination is not mandatory. The opportunity to receive the subsidy for routine vaccination will be **this one time only**

Period: From April 1st (Fri.), 2022 to March 31st (Fri.), 2023

Eligible person: As of the day of vaccination, person who has a resident registration at Adachi City, and falls under the following categories and gets 23-valent pneumococcal vaccination for the **first time**.

- ① Person who will be 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 years old in FY2022
(e.g. 65-year-old person means who was born between April 2nd 1957 and April 1st 1958.)
 - ② Person who is older than or equal to 60 and less than 65 years old with the disability in heart, kidney and respiratory organ, or has the immune system disorder due to Human Immunodeficiency Virus. (corresponding to 1st grade of physical disability certificate)
- ※ **If the person who received this guide and had already inoculated with 23-valent pneumococcal vaccine (including those who got the vaccination at own expense), the person is not eligible for the subsidy.**

Fees: Free charge

※Until now, a copayment of 4,000 yen has been collected from all except for those who are recipients of public assistance. However, since October 1, 2021, for the time being (at least through FY2023), the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has subsidized 2,500 yen and Adachi City has subsidized 1,500 yen, so everyone can be vaccinated with no copayment in FY2022.

Vaccine: 23-valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

Vaccination Sites: Please refer to the attached document, “List of the designated medical institutions for pneumococcal vaccination for the elderly”.
(You can get vaccination at any designated medical institutions in 23 cities of Tokyo. If you wish to get vaccination in other cities, confirm that the institution is a designated one in advance.)

Method of Vaccination: Fill in the columns framed with broad line of “Screening questionnaire for pneumococcal vaccination for the elderly” and bring it to the designated medical institution on the day.

※In cases where the person who is to be vaccinated is unable to sign the request form due to paralysis or difficulty in accurately confirming own intention, it is necessary for the family or family doctor to carefully confirm the person's intention before deciding on the indications for vaccination. (If final confirmation cannot be made, vaccination based on the Immunization Act cannot be performed.)

※Please keep carefully the copy of screening questionnaire for your own health record.

<Regarding pneumococcal vaccination>

Effects of pneumococcal vaccine

Pneumococcal vaccine is the vaccine to prevent the pneumonia caused by pneumococcus. Pneumococcus is one of the bacteria to cause the diseases such as pneumonia, bronchitis, sepsis and meningitis, and it is said that the 20 to 40% of pneumonia of the elderly are caused by pneumococcus.

Pneumococcal vaccine is expected to have an effect on 70% of infection caused by pneumococcus. It will take about one month to have the immunity, “antibody”, after receiving vaccination. It is said that the effect will last for at least 5 years after vaccination for the healthy person.

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Vaccination interval between other vaccinations

Pneumococcal vaccine is a vaccination of inactivated vaccine. If the doctor approves the necessity, you can get the pneumococcal vaccination with other vaccination at the same time. Please consult the doctor carefully.

■ Cautions about vaccination ■

Before vaccination

(1) General precautions

Please read this guide carefully, and understand the necessity and side effects. If you have any concerns or unclear matters, please consult the doctor or nurse before you get vaccination. If you cannot understand fully, please do not get vaccination. The screening questionnaire is an important information for the doctor to decide the adaptability of vaccination. The screening questionnaire must be filled out by the person who will get vaccinated with responsibility and provide the correct information to the doctor. However, the vaccination is not mandatory, and the vaccination will be provided only if the person wishes.

(2) Person who cannot get vaccination

- ① Person who clearly has a fever:
Usually, it stands for the body temperature such as over 37.5°C.
- ② Person who obviously has serious acute illness:
As a general rule, person who are acutely ill and need to take medication should not be vaccinated on that day as they may not be able to detect any subsequent changes in their illness.
- ③ The person who ever has anaphylactic shock obviously caused by the component of pneumococcal vaccine:
The anaphylaxis is the severe allergic response which occurs usually within 30 minutes of the vaccination.
- ④ Others: When the doctor decides that the person's conditions is inappropriate for vaccination:
Even if you do not fall under the categories ① to ③ mentioned above, if the doctor decides the vaccination is not appropriate, you cannot get vaccination.

(3) Person who must consult your family doctor before vaccination.

- ① Person who obviously has the underlying diseases such as cardiovascular, kidney, liver or blood disorders.
- ② Person who has the history of having side effects such as developing fever because of vaccination.
- ③ Person who has the history of convulsion.
- ④ Person who was diagnosed an immunization deficiency in the past and has a close relative who is affected with Congenital Immune Deficiency

After vaccination

- (1) The acute side effects might occur within 30 minutes of the vaccination. Please be prepared to be able to contact to the doctor or medical institution immediately.
- (2) You can take a bath on the day of vaccination. However, please do not scrub the injected part. You can spend time as usual, but please avoid the intense exercise and heavy drinking.

Side effects of pneumococcal vaccine

The injected part of vaccination might become reddish, swollen and aching, and you may develop a fever, chill, headache and lassitude, but it will be cured usually in a few days. If these symptoms become severe or prolonged, please take an examination by doctor or medical institution. If you have other concerns, please do not hesitate to inquire.

❓ Inquiries ❓

Inquiry Call Adachi **03-3880-0039**

From 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Every day except during January 1st to 3rd)