

## Guide to the Subsidy Program for Pneumococcal Vaccination for the Elderly

### 【Be sure to read the guide before vaccination】

This vaccination is only available to those who wish to receive it. There is no obligation to receive the vaccination, and in principle, those who do not wish to be vaccinated are not required to receive it. **This is a one-time opportunity** to receive the subsidy.

#### Eligibility:

Individuals who are registered residents of Adachi City as of the vaccination date, meet the following criteria, and are receiving the pneumococcal vaccine for the first time.

- ① Individuals aged 65  
(The period of implementation is from the day before the 65th birthday to the day before the 66th birthday.)
- ② Individuals aged 60 or over but under 65 with a disability affecting the heart, kidneys respiratory system, or immune system disorder caused by human immunodeficiency virus (equivalent to physical disability certificate grade 1).

**Even if you receive this guide, you are not eligible for this routine vaccination if you have previously received a pneumococcal vaccination (such as 20 or 23-valent), including those received at your own expense. Therefore, you cannot use the vaccine screening questionnaire. If you wish to receive another dose, you will be responsible for the full cost.**

**Vaccination Fee:** **Free of charge** (If you receive the vaccination without using the vaccine screening questionnaire and pay the full cost yourself, it will cost approximately 12,000 yen.)

※This vaccination is available to those who have not yet been vaccinated.

※If you choose to receive the vaccination without using the pre-vaccination questionnaire and pay the full cost yourself, the amount will be determined by each medical institution.

**Vaccine:** 20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (adsorbed)  
(Product name: PREVNAR 20 Suspension for Injection)

**Vaccination Sites:** Refer to the separate sheet, “List of the designated medical institution for pneumococcal vaccination for the elderly”.

※Vaccinations are also available free of charge at designated medical institutions in Tokyo's 23 cities. If you wish to be vaccinated at a medical institution in another city, please check in advance whether that institution is a designated medical institution in the city where it is located.

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

※In cases where the person who is to be vaccinated is unable to sign the confirmation column due to reasons including paralysis or difficulty in accurately confirming their 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 administered.)

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

## **[Instructions for the pneumococcal vaccination for the elderly]**

### **✦ Effectiveness of pneumococcal vaccine**

Pneumococcal vaccine is the vaccine to prevent the pneumonia caused by pneumococcus. Pneumococcus is the bacteria that causes the diseases such as pneumonia, bronchitis, sepsis and meningitis, and it is especially said that the 25 to 40% of pneumonia of the adults are caused by pneumococcus. The pneumococcal vaccine is effective in reducing the severity of pneumococcal pneumonia and the risk of death.

### **✦ Before getting vaccinated**

#### **(1) General Precautions**

Please read this notice carefully regarding the pneumococcal vaccine and make sure you fully understand its necessity and potential side effects. If you have any concern or unclear matters, please consult the doctor or nurse before you get vaccination. If you cannot understand fully, please do not get vaccination. The vaccine screening questionnaire is an important information for the doctor to decide the adaptability of vaccination. It 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) Individuals who cannot receive vaccinations**

- ① Individuals who clearly have a fever (usually, when it exceeds 37.5°C)
- ② Individuals who obviously have serious acute illness  
As a general rule, individuals 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 Individuals who have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to any component of the pneumococcal vaccine or to diphtheria toxoid. "Anaphylaxis" refers to a severe allergic reaction that typically occurs within about 30 minutes after vaccination
- ④ Other cases where a doctor determines that the individual is not suitable for vaccination even if none of the above conditions ① to ③ apply, vaccination will not be administered if a doctor determines it unsuitable.

#### **(3) Individuals who must consult their doctor before receiving a vaccination**

- ① Individuals with underlying conditions such as cardiovascular diseases, kidney diseases, liver diseases, hematologic disorders, or developmental disorder
- ② Individuals who have previously experienced adverse reactions such as fever or generalized rash following a vaccination.
- ③ Individuals with a history of convulsions.
- ④ Individuals who have been previously diagnosed with immunodeficiency, as well as those who have close relatives with congenital immunodeficiency.
- ⑤ Individuals who may have an allergic reaction to any component of the pneumococcal vaccine or to diphtheria toxoid.
- ⑥ Individuals with thrombocytopenia, coagulation disorders, or those undergoing anticoagulant therapy

#### **(4) Simultaneous administration and intervals with other vaccines**

Simultaneous administration with other vaccines may be performed when your doctor deems it specifically necessary. There are no restrictions on the intervals between this and other vaccines.

### **✦ Precautions after vaccination**

- (1) The acute side reactions may occur during the first 30 minutes after receiving vaccination. Be prepared to be able to contact the doctor or medical institution immediately.
- (2) You can take a bath on the day of vaccination, but do not rub the injected area strongly. You can continue your normal routine, but avoid strenuous exercise and heavy drinking.

### **✦ Side Effects of the Pneumococcal Vaccine**

The injection site may become red, swollen, or painful. You may also experience a fever, chills, headache, or fatigue. These symptoms typically resolve within a few days. If symptoms are severe or persistent, please consult a doctor (medical institution).

### **✦ Inquiries ✦**

**Inquiry Call Adachi 3 8 8 0 – 0 0 3 9**

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