

Help protect your baby from invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) with VAXNEUVANCE

What Is VAXNEUVANCE?


VAXNEUVANCE is a vaccine to help protect against invasive disease caused by 15 types of pneumococcus (pronounced “noo-mo-ca-cus”), a kind of bacteria, in individuals 6 weeks of age and older. Invasive disease is a serious form of pneumococcal disease.

Important Safety Information

VAXNEUVANCE might not protect everyone who gets the vaccine.

Your child should not get VAXNEUVANCE, if your child is allergic to any of the ingredients in VAXNEUVANCE or allergic to diphtheria toxoid.

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Learn about IPD

Maybe this is the first time you have heard of *invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD)*. This guide gives some facts about IPD and information about a vaccine that can help protect your baby.

What is IPD?

The word “**invasive**” in invasive pneumococcal disease means that **pneumococcus (noo-mo-ca-cus)** has entered parts of the body that normally are free from germs. Someone who is healthy or sick can spread it to other people through coughing or sneezing.

What can happen if my child gets IPD?

IPD can lead to serious infections, including:

- **Pneumococcal meningitis (men-in-jahy-tis)**, which is a serious infection of the coverings of the brain and spinal cord
- **Pneumococcal bacteremia (bak-tuh-ree-mee-uh)**, which is an infection in the blood

Some common signs and symptoms

Meningitis:

- High fever
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Vomiting

Bacteremia:

- Fever
- Chills

In babies these infections can cause:

- Poor eating and drinking
- Low alertness
- Increased fussiness

IPD can lead to serious problems like:



Hospitalization



Brain damage



Long-term disabilities



Pneumococcal vaccines have been around for many years, and have helped lower the number of IPD cases in children in the US. That’s why it’s important to continue getting your baby vaccinated and help protect them from IPD.

What is VAXNEUVANCE, and how does it help protect my baby from IPD?

VAXNEUVANCE is a vaccine that helps protect against some of the most common types of pneumococcal bacteria that can cause IPD. The vaccine works by helping your child's immune system fight against the bacteria.



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When should my child get VAXNEUVANCE?

Babies and toddlers need **4 doses** of VAXNEUVANCE. That means one dose at:



Your child may get VAXNEUVANCE at the same time as they get other vaccines.

Don't wait to vaccinate with VAXNEUVANCE

Completing ALL 4 doses of VAXNEUVANCE can help give your baby the protection they need against IPD.

Important Safety Information *(continued)*

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The most common side effects seen in children and adolescents 2 through 17 years of age are pain, swelling, redness or a lump where your child got the injection; muscle aches; feeling tired; and headache.

What else should I know about VAXNEUVANCE?

We have answers to some of the common questions parents and caregivers ask.

Q1

Does VAXNEUVANCE contain any preservatives?

No. VAXNEUVANCE does not contain any preservatives.

Q2

Can my baby get IPD from the vaccine?

No. Your baby cannot get IPD from getting VAXNEUVANCE.

Q3

What if I have questions about the cost of VAXNEUVANCE?

Talk to your insurance provider about your plan's cost for vaccines. Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program may be able to offer vaccines at reduced prices or free to children who qualify.




If you have more questions, talk to your baby's health care provider.

Important Safety Information (*continued*)

After getting VAXNEUVANCE, tell your health care provider right away if your child has symptoms of an allergic reaction, which may include difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, hives, or rash. Also tell your health care provider if your child has any side effects that become bothersome or if any other unusual symptoms develop.



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**VAXNEUVANCE is
made by Merck.
We have been making
vaccines to help
prevent disease for
over 100 years.**



Actor
Portrayal

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Caring for your baby after VAXNEUVANCE

Your baby just received a shot of VAXNEUVANCE. Your baby's health care provider may have already told you that your baby may experience side effects after vaccination.

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What to expect AFTER your baby gets their vaccine

VAXNEUVANCE can cause some side effects after babies get a shot. You can expect these side effects to last about 3 days or less. There may be other side effects that are not listed below.

Babies and toddlers may:



Feel some pain, swelling, redness, or get a lump where they got the shot



Be more fussy than usual



Have a fever



Feel more sleepy than usual




Eat less than usual



To learn more about common vaccine side effects and how you can support your baby, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or talk to your baby's health care provider.

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Your baby's vaccine schedule matters— here's how to stay on track



Fill in the details below.

2
months

(MM/DD/YY)

Dose 1



4
months

(MM/DD/YY)

Dose 2



6
months

(MM/DD/YY)

Dose 3



12-15
months


(MM/DD/YY)

Dose 4



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Getting ready for your baby's next VAXNEUVANCE shot

You may have questions later. If there's anything you want to ask your baby's health care provider at the next visit, write it down below.

NOTES:





What if my child misses a shot? If your child misses a dose of VAXNEUVANCE, you can ask their health care provider about how to catch up.

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Start with
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Please read the accompanying [Patient Information](#) for VAXNEUVANCE and discuss it with your health care provider. The physician [Prescribing Information](#) also is available.



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