



Facts about Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)

1. A new vaccine, PCV has been added to the Universal Immunization Program (UIP) of the Government of India. This will help protect your child from pneumonia & meningitis caused by a bacterium called pneumococcus.
2. Pneumococcal disease can lead to hospitalization or even death in some cases. It can lead to a huge financial burden on your family.
3. Pneumococcus is the leading cause of bacterial pneumonia which is the major cause of death in children under five years of age.
4. PCV has been proven to be an effective tool to protect children from pneumococcal pneumonia which is the leading cause of severe pneumonia in children.
5. PCV is provided free of cost under routine immunization across the country.

What should you do?



Remember to get your child immunized with scheduled three doses of PCV at 1.5 months, 3.5 months and 9 months of age. For optimal protection of your child, please ensure that no PCV dose is missed.



PCV is a safe vaccine. As with any other vaccine, your child may have a mild fever or redness at the site of injection after the vaccination.



When your child receives PCV, other due vaccines will also be given. It has been proven that multiple injections given at the same time are absolutely safe and effective for children.

For more information on Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), please contact your ASHA or ANM.



Follow COVID appropriate behaviours everyday and help keep COVID-19 away



Wear Mask



Wash your hands frequently



Maintain physical distance



Avoid crowded places