



## Your child's doctor shares your goal – a healthy future for your family.

Doctors recommend vaccines because they protect your child from preventable and serious diseases, like a pneumococcal bacterial infection. Serious side effects from vaccines are extremely rare. Millions of children are safely vaccinated each year.

### Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV)

Pneumococcal bacteria can cause infections in the brain (meningitis), lungs (pneumonia) and blood. It is especially dangerous to infants and toddlers.

Before the pneumococcal vaccine (PCV), every year this infection caused:

- 700 cases of brain swelling (meningitis)
- 17,000 blood infections
- 200 deaths
- 5 million ear infections in children

**Don't let diseases of the past become part of your child's future.**

Have questions? Get real answers.  
Talk to your child's doctor today.

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