

## Do you have or are you considering a COCHLEAR IMPLANT?

### Have you been VACCINATED?

Whether you are getting a cochlear implant or you've had one for years, proper vaccinations are important to protect you or the ones you love from pneumococcal meningitis. Age appropriate vaccinations are important for:

- Children.
- Adults.
- Those getting a cochlear implant soon.
- Those who have had a cochlear implant for years.

## Any Brand... Any Model.

### WHY do I need to get vaccinated?

People with cochlear implants are at increased risk for pneumococcal meningitis and pneumococcal meningitis can be serious. Vaccinations help protect against pneumococcal meningitis.



## Protect Yourself. GET VACCINATED.

Ask your cochlear implant health care provider for more information.



**COCHLEAR IMPLANTS** bring **sound** to thousands around the world.

## KNOW ALL THE FACTS.

Get vaccinated against pneumococcal meningitis.



\*The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides recommends age-appropriate vaccination guidelines for cochlear implant candidates and recipients. Always ask your cochlear implant healthcare provider what vaccinations are right for you.

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) | [www.entnet.org/CIHealth](http://www.entnet.org/CIHealth)

## WHAT is Pneumococcal Meningitis?

Meningitis is an infection. The infection is in the fluid that surrounds the brain. There are two main types of meningitis, viral and bacterial. Pneumococcal meningitis is a type of bacterial meningitis that has been reported in people with cochlear implants. This can be a serious infection. Prevention with immunizations is strongly recommended; treatment can be effective when detected early.

## WHAT kind of vaccinations do I need?

In addition to the recommended immunizations children routinely receive, the CDC also recommends pneumococcal vaccinations, the “Pneumo Shot”, for people with cochlear implants.

## WHEN should I get vaccinated?

Every person getting a cochlear implant should be vaccinated prior to surgery. If you already have a cochlear implant and have not been vaccinated, get vaccinated now.

## WHERE do I get more information?

Ask your cochlear implant healthcare provider for more information. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) and [www.entnet.org/CIHealth](http://www.entnet.org/CIHealth)

## HOW do I get vaccinated?

It’s easy, just ask your cochlear implant healthcare provider today for information on how to get vaccinated.

