

Adult Pneumococcal Schedule

2026
UPDATE

On the NIP from July 1st 2026

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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- ✓ Adults >65 years
- ✓ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander >25 years
- ✓ Adults >18 years with eligible risk conditions

THE NEW PROGRAM

- ✓ Replaces the previous two-vaccine schedule
- ✓ Simplifies eligibility assessment
- ✓ Reduces confusion around vaccine sequencing
- ✓ Expands access to younger at-risk adults
- ✓ Provides broader pneumococcal serotype coverage

WHAT SHOULD PHARMACIST DO NOW?

- Review patients aged 65+
- Identify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients aged 25+
- Review patients with eligible medical risk conditions
- Familiarise yourself with the new schedule before 1 July 2026
- Watch for updated Australian Immunisation Handbook guidance in June

PHARMACIST HOT TIPS

Don't overlook the catch-up program. A 3-year catch-up program will be available for people who have previously received pneumococcal vaccination >12 months ago. This is likely to create significant opportunities for patient reviews and vaccination conversations from July onwards.