Immunization Protocol for Patients Having Cytoreductive Surgery and Possible Spleen Removal

What do I need?

If you are over 18 years of age and have never had these immunizations, you **must** book to get:

- **Pneumoccocal Conjugate 13-valent**
- **Meningococcal B**
- **Haemophilus Infuenzae Type b Conjugate**
- **Meningococcal Conjugate (Groups A, C, Y, W135)**

You may get all 4 vaccines on the same day. You will get them into different areas of your body and from separate syringes. You should **not** get the immunizations if you have a fever on the day of your appointment. Tell the nurse giving you the immunization if you have a history of any allergies. He or she will check to see if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in the vaccines.

When and where do I get it?

Get immunized at least two weeks **before** surgery, if possible. Book to have your first immunization doses **as soon as possible** at a community health centre in your area (**call right away to be sure you get an appointment**). To book your appointment:

- In Calgary and surrounding area, 📞 **403-955-9397**
- Everywhere else in Alberta, 📞 **811** (Health Link)

What else do I need to know?

It is **best** to get immunized **before** your surgery. If you did not get immunized before surgery, the doctor(s) and nurse(s) will talk to you about what to do while you are in hospital.

Immunizations At A Glance

Vaccine Name	First Dose	Second Dose	Future Doses
Pneumoccocal Conjugate 13-valent	at least 2 weeks before surgery	—	—
Haemophilus Infuenzae Type b Conjugate	at least 2 weeks before surgery	—	—
Meningococcal B	at least 2 weeks before surgery	8 weeks after first dose	—
Meningococcal Conjugate (Groups A, C, Y, W135)	at least 2 weeks before surgery	8 weeks after first dose	booster every 5 years
Pneumoccocal Polysaccharide	8 weeks after Pneumoccocal Conjugate 13-valent	—	booster dose 5 years after first dose

Questions?

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