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# Immunization: Three new vaccines added to routine childhood schedule

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Three new publicly funded vaccines have been added to the recommended schedule of routine childhood immunizations – vaccines for chicken pox, meningococcal meningitis and pneumococcal disease.

Children can begin a four-dose series of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine at two months of age.

The varicella (chicken pox) vaccine will be available to 5-year-old children who have not yet had chicken pox, as well as high-risk people of all ages.

The meningococcal C-conjugate vaccine is now available to children aged 12 years, youth aged 15 to 19 years inclusive and high-risk people of all ages.

VACCINE	WHO QUALIFIES	DISEASES PREVENTED
Pneumococcal Conjugate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-risk children 24 to 59 months of age</li><li>• All children under 2 years old born on or after January 1, 2004</li><li>• High-risk children under 2 years of age</li></ul>	Invasive pneumococcal diseases (meningitis, pneumonia and infection of the bloodstream)
Varicella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One-year-old children born on or after September 1, 2003</li><li>• Five-year-old children who have not yet had chicken pox</li><li>• High-risk people of all ages</li></ul>	Chicken pox and its complications (e.g., bacterial skin infections)
Meningococcal C-Conjugate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One-year-old children born on or after September 1, 2003</li><li>• Children who are HIV-positive and who were born on or after January 1, 2002</li><li>• Children 12 years of age, youth aged 15 to 19 inclusive, and high-risk people of all ages</li><li>• People in close contact with a person who has meningococcal disease due to serogroup c</li></ul>	Invasive meningococcal disease (IMD), including meningitis and meningococemia (meningococcal infection of the blood)

**Talk to your doctor/nurse practitioner or local public health unit to find out if your child is eligible.**

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