SAFETY TIPS FOR PATIENTS

PNEUMONIA

KEY FACTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION (CDC)

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that affects people of all ages.

Pneumonia can cause mild to severe illness. About 50,000 people die in the United States each year.

SYMPTOMS OF PNEUMONIA & RISK FACTORS

- High Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chest Pain

Young children with other illness(es) and those over age 65 are at a higher risk for developing pneumonia. Contact your doctor for more information or visit: www.cdc.gov/features/pneumonia/index.html

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Avoid others who are sick
- Wash your hands often
- Avoid cigarette smoke
- Clean surfaces that are touched a lot
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away

Vaccines are available that can help prevent pneumonia caused by some bacteria and viruses. Contact your doctor for more information or visit: www.cdc.gov/features/pneumonia/index.html

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