The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** recommends special vaccination strategies against pneumococcal infections for all solid organ transplant recipients.

**How can you or your loved one get protected?**

- Transplant recipients should get the **pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13)** per routine and catch up schedules.
- Transplant recipients **over 2 years of age** should also get an additional **pneumococcal vaccine (PPSV23)** for extra protection.
- Your child may need both PCV13 and PPSV23 vaccines.
- **Bring the attached page to your primary care physician to make sure your child is up to date.**

**Dangers of pneumococcal diseases**

- Infections with the bacterium *Streptococcus pneumoniae* can cause life-threatening diseases, including:
  - Pneumonia (lung infection)
  - Bloodstream infections
  - Meningitis (infection of the brain)
- Pneumococcal diseases can be much more severe in transplant recipients.
- Pneumococcal diseases are the 2nd most common cause of vaccine preventable death in the US.

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