

## PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATIONS 2015

### ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

#### Routinely:

Patients aged 65 years and over (64 if you are 65 by 31.3.2016)

#### At Risk Patients:

- **Chronic Respiratory Disease:** Asthma only if it is so severe it requires continuous or frequently repeated use of systemic steroids  
Chronic respiratory disease including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, (COPD), chronic bronchitis and emphysema, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, interstitial lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis and bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD). Children with respiratory problems caused by aspiration or a neurological condition (e.g. cerebral palsy)
- **Chronic Heart Disease:** Congenital heart disease, hypertension with cardiac complications, chronic heart disease, chronic heart failure, individuals requiring regular medications and/or follow-up for ischaemic heart disease
- **Chronic Kidney Disease:** Chronic kidney disease at stages 4 and , nephrotic syndrome, kidney dialysis and those with kidney transplantation
- **Chronic Liver Disease:** Chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, biliary atresia, chronic hepatitis
- **Diabetes:** Diabetes mellitus requiring insulin or oral hypoglycaemic drugs NOT diabetes that is diet controlled
- **Immunosuppression & Asplenia or Dysfunction of the Spleen:** Immunosuppression due to disease or treatment, chemotherapy, bone marrow transplant, asplenia or splenic dysfunction, HIV infection at all stages, multiple myeloma or genetic disorders affecting the immune system (e.g. IRAK-4, NEMO complemented deficiency) and individuals likely to be on systemic steroids for more than a month at a dose equivalent to prednisolone at 20mg or more per day (any age), or for children under 20kg, a dose of 1 mg or more per kg per day
- **Individuals with Cochlear Implants:** It is important that it does not delay the individuals with cochlear implants
- Individuals with Cerebrospinal Fluid Leaks e.g. following trauma or major skull surgery