

## **Pneumonia (CAP/PN) Web Based Resources**

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### **Medical Quality Improvement Community (MedQIC), the American Thoracic Society (ATS), and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)**

These web sites list numerous resources about PN care and quality measures useful in your quality improvement efforts. For website description and information, see the document Generic Sources of Information for All Measures on the IHA website. To access the materials below, click on the web address (direct link) provided.

#### *Clinical Guidelines.*

- Review the CDC Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Recommendations are organized by: *Comprehensive and Vaccine-Specific Recommendations*. Review the multiple listings; also see Pneumococcal Polysaccharide at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/acip-list.htm>.

#### *Evidence-Based Materials.*

- Pneumonia Literature Review (December 2003, 44 pages) is an annotated bibliography of the general clinical and quality improvement literature, guidelines and standards. The evidence base literature addresses clinical prediction rules, early assessment and detection, antibiotic administration, adult vaccination, and smoking cessation.

#### *Intervention Tools.*

- The QIO Quick Start Guide to the National Pneumonia Project provides an orientation to Medqic based for pneumonia. Direct links are given for the 17 Medqic references.
- CMS overview including questions and answers of ACIP guidelines, Medicare coverage and payment including contacts/resources for additional information.

***Frequently Asked Questions – (FAQs)*** FAQs often reflect the insights and concerns of hospital staff involved in clinical care and data collection. Use FAQs as your first source to answer clinical and data related questions. FAQs are also an important educational tool for novice & expert.

- Select Pneumonia for the Topic. Different “key words” (Pneumococcal, Vaccination, PPV) will increase your returns (with some duplication). Responses address clinical situations about evidence of prior vaccination, physician documentation, and contraindications, patient condition and (acceptable) reasons for not vaccinating.

To review FAQs or to ask a new question, go to: [www.medqic.org](http://www.medqic.org), click on Pneumonia (top bar), click on FAQs (left bar).

**American Health Quality Association – (AHQA)**

The AHQA web site lists four hospital projects related to pneumococcal vaccination for pneumonia. Contact names are provided. Locate these projects under the states of California, Missouri, New Jersey and Virginia. To view these project descriptions, go to: [www.ahqa.org](http://www.ahqa.org), locate “Quality Improvement in Action”, click on “state” then locate by state.