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### *Fighting a Bad Bug*

*Pneumonia Hospitalizations Among Young Children After Introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine — United States, 1997–2006*

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*Streptococcus pneumoniae* is a very bad bacterial bug that causes all kinds of health problems, from sinus and ear infections to meningitis and brain abscesses. It's best known as the cause of pneumonia, particularly in young children. Each year, thousands of children, many under the age of 2 years, are hospitalized with this condition. However, since the availability of a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, the number of children requiring a hospital stay for pneumonia has decreased substantially. The vaccine also helps prevent other serious illnesses, such as meningitis. So far, it shows promise for helping kids stay healthy.

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