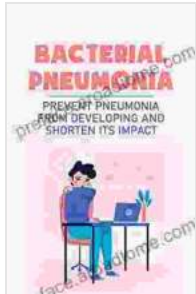


Prevent Pneumonia From Developing And Shorten Its Impact



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What is Pneumonia?

Pneumonia is a serious respiratory infection that affects the lungs. It is caused by bacteria, viruses, or fungi, and can range in severity from mild to life-threatening.

Pneumonia occurs when the air sacs in the lungs (alveoli) become inflamed and filled with fluid or pus. This can make it difficult to breathe, and can lead to a number of serious complications, including:

- Lung abscesses
- Pleural effusion (fluid around the lungs)
- Sepsis (a life-threatening infection)

- Death

Pneumonia Symptoms

The symptoms of pneumonia can vary depending on the severity of the infection. Common symptoms include:

- Cough (which may produce phlegm)
- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Confusion (in older adults)

Pneumonia Causes

Pneumonia is caused by a variety of microorganisms, including:

- Bacteria (such as *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae*)
- Viruses (such as influenza and respiratory syncytial virus)
- Fungi (such as *Pneumocystis jirovecii*)

Pneumonia can be acquired in a number of ways, including:

- Inhalation of bacteria or viruses from the air

- Aspiration of stomach contents into the lungs
- Spread of infection from the nose or throat to the lungs

Pneumonia Risk Factors

Certain factors can increase your risk of developing pneumonia, including:

- Age (people over 65 and under 2 are at higher risk)
- Chronic health conditions (such as diabetes, heart disease, and lung disease)
- Weakened immune system (such as from HIV/AIDS or chemotherapy)
- Smoking
- Alcoholism

Pneumonia Prevention

There are a number of things you can do to prevent pneumonia, including:

- Get vaccinated. The pneumococcal vaccine is recommended for all adults over 65 and for people with certain chronic health conditions. The influenza vaccine is also recommended for everyone over 6 months of age.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Don't smoke.
- Limit alcohol consumption.

- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Get regular exercise.
- Eat a healthy diet.

Pneumonia Treatment

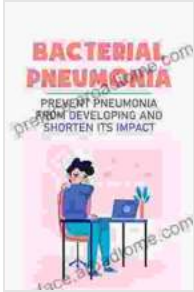
The treatment for pneumonia will depend on the severity of the infection and the underlying cause. Treatment options may include:

- **Antibiotics:** Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial pneumonia.
- **Antivirals:** Antivirals are used to treat viral pneumonia.
- **Antifungals:** Antifungals are used to treat fungal pneumonia.
- **Oxygen therapy:** Oxygen therapy may be necessary to help you breathe if your pneumonia is severe.
- **Intubation and mechanical ventilation:** In severe cases, you may need to be intubated and placed on a mechanical ventilator to help you breathe.

Pneumonia Prognosis

The prognosis for pneumonia depends on the severity of the infection and the underlying cause. With early diagnosis and treatment, most people with pneumonia can recover fully. However, pneumonia can be fatal in some cases, especially in people who are elderly or have other health conditions.

Pneumonia is a serious respiratory infection that can be prevented and treated. By understanding the symptoms, causes, and risk factors of pneumonia, you can take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones from this potentially life-threatening illness.

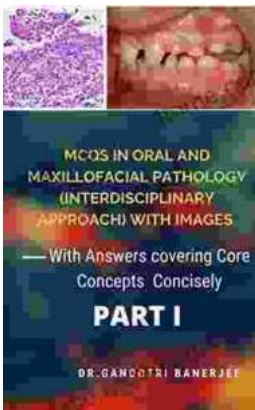


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