

HEALTHSPOT

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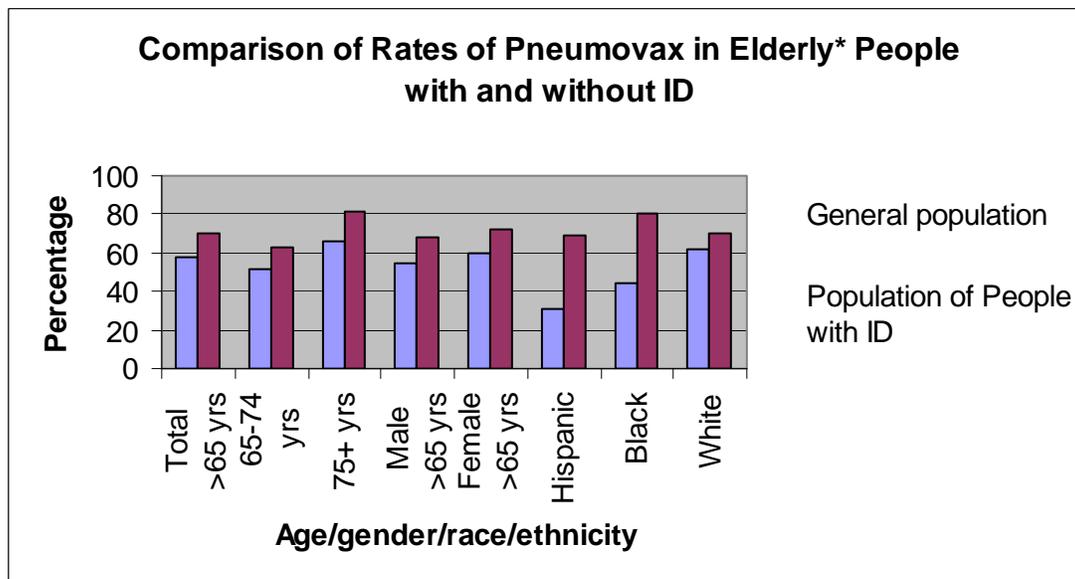
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August is National Immunization Awareness Month

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATION IN THE ELDERLY

Pneumococcal vaccination is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent diseases like pneumonia caused by the pneumococcus bacteria. The current recommendations are that everyone over the age of 65 years receive one dose of pneumococcal vaccine and those with chronic diseases received one dose after 50 years of age with a booster dose 5 years later. The Health Risk Profile (HRP) gathers information about pneumococcal vaccination in the population of people with intellectual disabilities served in licensed residential settings through the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP). This information is gathered by the nurses from the Health Care Quality Units (HCQUs) across the state.



*The population of people without ID was 65 years and older, while the population of people with ID was aged 60 years and above making this result more significant.

Based on the information in the table above, it is clear that more people in the population of people with intellectual disabilities living in licensed residential settings are appropriately protected from pneumococcus by having the vaccination. ***Good job! Congratulations!***