Ordering a Pneumococcal Vaccine using the Best Practice Advisory

The Pneumococcal vaccine Health Maintenance Topic is linked to a BPA to simplify the vaccine ordering process. If a patient is 65 years or older and due for a pneumococcal vaccine based on the ACIP guidelines, a BPA will appear in the visit navigator during the office visit. This will prompt the provider to order the specified pneumococcal vaccine.

1. A red flag in the “Best Practice” section of the visit navigator indicates that a BPA is overdue. To determine whether a patient age 65 years or older is due for a pneumococcal vaccine, click “Best Practice to expand the section.

2. The BPAs for the two different pneumococcal vaccines are shown below. Only one pneumococcal vaccine BPA will appear in a patient’s chart at any given time. The BPA that appears is based on the CDC/ACIP recommendations for pneumococcal vaccine administration in patients age 65 and older and the patient’s immunization history.

Pneumococcal 13-Valent Vaccine BPA
3. To proceed with the order for the vaccine recommended by the BPA, click “accept”.

4. To sign the pneumococcal vaccine order select “Meds and Orders” from the Visit Navigator table of content. Click “Sign” and associate the appropriate diagnosis.

5. The pneumococcal vaccine ordered will now appear in the “Immunization” activity for administration to the patient.

6. The Health Maintenance Topic automatically updates every day at 2 AM to include the most recent vaccine administrations. After this occurs, a pneumococcal BPA should not appear for a patient until their next dose (if applicable) is due.