

THE VALUE OF VACCINES IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

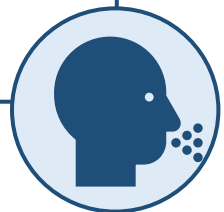
Dialysis patients and their families often ask why so many vaccinations are important and necessary, especially when living in a skilled nursing facility.

While living in skilled nursing for either long-term care or short-term rehab, vaccinations are an important part of health and well-being. Get the facts and get the shots!



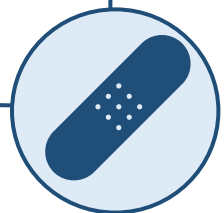
Germ that cause illnesses spread easily through the close living areas of skilled nursing facilities. The high rate of spread can quickly make other residents, staff, and even visiting family and friends sick as well.

The most common causes of respiratory illness in nursing facilities are flu, pneumonia, COVID-19, and RSV. Vaccines are available for each of these respiratory illnesses. Vaccines are safe and well-studied.



People who live in nursing facilities have a higher risk of hospitalization and death from respiratory illness. Recovery from illness is longer, leading to loss of independence and lower quality of life.

Annual flu shots, updated pneumonia and COVID-19 shots, as well as RSV vaccines are recommended for all skilled nursing residents to lower the risk of infection, hospitalization, and death.



Vaccines are one of the most important tools for preventing high risk respiratory illnesses. Protect yourself, other residents, nursing facility staff, and your family and friends through getting all the recommended vaccines every year – GIVE IT A SHOT!

