Cochlear Implants: Vaccination Policy

Candidates for cochlear implantation are at higher risk of contracting certain strains of meningitis, pneumococcal disease and influenza. Health Canada strongly recommends all cochlear implant recipients receive the following vaccinations prior to surgery:

**Prevnar 13 Vaccine (PCV13: 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate)**

**Pneumovax 23 Vaccine (PPV23: 23-Valent Pneumococcal Polysaccharide)**

**Hib Vaccine (Haemophilus Influenza Type b)**

**Pediatric Patient Schedule:**

- **Prevnar 13:**
  - 0-24 months of age: 3 doses, 6-8 weeks apart with a booster at 15 months.
  - 2-5 years of age: 2 doses, 6-8 weeks apart.
  - 5 years or older: 1 dose.

- **Pneumovax 23:**
  - 0-19 years of age: 1 dose, 8 weeks after Prevnar 13 Vaccine.

- **Hib Vaccine:**
  - 0-12 months of age: 2 doses, 8 weeks apart.
  - 12 months or older: 1 dose.

**Adult Patient Schedule:**

- **Prevnar 13:**
  - 19 years or older: 1 dose.

- **Pneumovax 23:**
  - 19 years or older: 1 dose, 8 weeks after Prevnar 13 Vaccine.
  - Booster: 5 years after initial dose for adults 19-64.

- **Hib Vaccine:**
  - 19 years or older: 1 dose.

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