VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

1) **Pediatric cochlear implant candidates and recipients should be vaccinated for streptococcus pneumonia and hemophilus influenza according to the following protocol:**

   Children **less than 2 years old** should receive pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Prevnar) in four doses, given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12-15 months.

   Children who are **age 2 years and older** with cochlear implants should receive pneumococcal vaccines, according to the following schedule:

   - **Children who have completed the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Prevnar®) series** should receive one dose of the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax® 23 or Pnu-Immune® 23). If they have recently received pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, they should wait at least two months after completing the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine series before receiving pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine.

   - **Children between the ages of 24 and 59 months, who have never received either pneumococcal conjugate vaccine or pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine**, should receive two doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine two or more months apart and then receive one dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine at least two months later.

   - **Children age 5 years and older** should receive one dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. If pneumococcal conjugate vaccine has recently been given, then polysaccharide vaccine should be administered 2 or more months after pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.

   - **A second pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax 23 or Pnu-Immune 23)** should be given five years after the first dose in children.

   **Use of Hib Vaccination in Cochlear Implant Recipients**

   Most children born after 1990 will have received the Hib vaccine when they were an infant. Those who did not receive Hib vaccine and who are younger than five years should receive the vaccine. For those age 5 years and older, Hib vaccine is not routinely recommended.

2) **The following recommendations apply to adults:**

   **Adult patients** should receive one dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax 23 or Pnu-Immune 23). Vaccination against H. Flu is not required. A booster dose is recommended at age 65.

   **Please give a copy of this sheet to your primary care physician/pediatrician to receive the age appropriate vaccinations and obtain proof of vaccination.**