

**Information on the respective use of 7-, 10- and 13-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) by various countries for protection against pneumococcus bacteria**

Asia Pacific Region	<p><u>Mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea</u>: PCV not yet included in their respective childhood immunisation programmes (CIPs)</p> <p><u>Singapore</u>: parents may pay for children's PCV using their medical expense accounts</p> <p><u>Australia</u>: 7-valent PCV (South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania) and 10-valent PCV (Northern Territory)</p> <p><u>New Zealand</u>: 7-valent PCV at present; announced that 10-valent PCV will be adopted in early 2011</p>
Europe	<p><u>United Kingdom, France</u>: 13-valent PCV</p> <p><u>Ireland</u>: 7-valent PCV</p> <p><u>Germany</u>: the type of PCV used not specified</p> <p><u>Italy</u>: 7-valent PCV</p> <p><u>Spain, Portugal</u>: PCV not yet included in their respective CIPs</p>
America	<p><u>United States of America</u>: 13-valent PCV</p> <p><u>Canada</u>: 7-valent PCV (Prince Edward Island, Yukon, Nunavut), 10-valent PCV (Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec), 13-valent PCV (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec)</p>