

Meet the Superbugs

Streptococcus pneumoniae

Also called: *Pneumococcus* **Say it:** Strep-tuh-KO-kuhs New-mo-nee-uh

About: Commonly found in the respiratory tract, and can cause life-threatening infections. Have developed resistance to many common antibiotics.¹

Shape: Double berry²

Year identified: 1881¹

Potential threats include:
Pneumonia, ear infections, blood stream infections and sepsis¹

One way to help fight this Superbug:
Work with your doctor to stay up to date with vaccinations¹

Resources: **1.** Mandell, Douglas, and Bennett's Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases, 7th edition, edited by Gerald L. Mandell, John E. Bennett, and Raphael Dolin, 2009 **2.** CDC Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Pneumococcal Disease. Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/pneumo.html> Last accessed August 2019.

