

## Pneumonia

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that causes difficulty breathing, fever, coughing and fatigue. Serious health consequences including death may result if pneumonia is left untreated. You can get pneumonia in your daily life, such as at school or work. This is called community acquired pneumonia.

Appropriate recommended care for pneumonia patients includes: performing blood cultures when indicated, oxygen assessment, selecting and administering antibiotics in the Emergency Department within 6 hours of arrival, and advising smokers to quit. Another goal is prevention; by making sure individuals over 65 years of age receive the pneumonia vaccine.





