



Protocol for Influenza Vaccination by Licensed Nurses and Medical Assistants

Purpose: To reduce morbidity and mortality from influenza by vaccinating all adults who meet the criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Protocol: Under this protocol, licensed nurses and medical assistants may vaccinate patients who meet the criteria below.

Procedure:

1. Identify adults with no history of influenza vaccination for the current influenza season.
2. Screen all patients for contraindications and precautions to influenza vaccine:
 - A. Contraindications: a serious systemic or anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose of the vaccine or to any of its components, including eggs. Patients with egg allergies should be referred to a provider. For a list of vaccine components, refer to the manufacturer's package insert or go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf.
 - B. Precautions: moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever; history of Guillain-Barre syndrome within 6 weeks of a previous influenza vaccination.
3. Provide all patients with a copy of the most current federal Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). You must document in the patient's medical record the publication date of the VIS and the date it was given to the patient. Provide non-English speaking patients with a copy of the VIS in their native language, if available and preferred; these can be found at www.immunize.org/vis
4. Obtain consent for vaccination from the patient using either form HS 1450 – Influenza Vaccination Consent, or form HS 1455 – Influenza Vaccination Consent (Spanish). The patient's medical record number should be written on the form, and the form sent to be scanned and indexed to the patient's electronic medical record.
5. Administer influenza vaccine as follows: Give 0.5 mL of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine to adults of all ages, or recombinant hemagglutinin influenza vaccine to adults age 8 through 49 years, intramuscularly (25g, 1-1 ½" needle). (Note: A 5/8" needle may be used for adults weighing less than 130 lbs [<60 kg] for injection in the deltoid muscle only if the subcutaneous tissue is not bunched and the injection is made at a 90-degree angle.)
6. Document each patient's vaccine administration information and follow up in the following places:

- A. Medical chart: Record the date the vaccine was administered, the manufacturer and lot number, the vaccination site and route, and the name and title of the person administering vaccine, along with any additional standard vaccine documentation required in the Allscripts Immunization Tab.
 - B. Medical Assistants must have their vaccine administration supervised by a licensed nurse per L.A. LGBT Center protocol.
7. Patients should be instructed to remain in the clinic for 15 minutes after vaccine administration to ensure there are no adverse reactions.
 8. Should an adverse reaction occur, please refer to the Management of Medical Emergencies policy.
 9. In the event a patient due for an influenza vaccination declines the vaccination, the declination should be documented in the electronic medical record. Declinations are honored per flu season, and a previous season's declination does not apply to subsequent flu seasons.

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Printed Name _____

Date _____

Signature of Director of Nursing _____

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