

memorandum

To: Health Services Managers, Holders of Medication Manual & Healthcare Professionals Involved with Immunization

From: Inpatient Immunization Working Group – Central Zone

Date: October 3, 2016

Subject: **Immunization/ Influenza Information 2016**

Immunization Administration:

This memo provides information and clarification of some of the care processes related to flu and/or pneumococcal immunization of patients. All required **information and forms** can be found on the Central Zone inpatient immunization webpage by clicking on employees → immunization → inpatient.

Influenza Vaccine

The names of the supplied quadrivalent influenza vaccines (QIV) this year are FluLaval® Tetra (GlaxoSmithKline) and Fluzone® Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur). Product monographs and patient teaching information can be located on the Central Zone inpatient immunization webpage.

Cold-Chain Preservation

The cold-chain must be maintained during vaccine transport and storage. If vaccine is being stored in the clinical area, the temperature of the refrigerator used to store the vaccine must be monitored. According to the National Guidelines for the Storage and Handling of Vaccines (2007), vaccines must be maintained at (2 – 8°C) in a refrigerator/cooler that is monitored using a **min-max thermometer**.



Anaphylaxis Kits

Anaphylaxis kits need to be available on every unit and can be picked up in the pharmacy department. If your clinical area already has an anaphylaxis kit, please ensure the medications have not expired.

Egg Allergy Recommendation

The **National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)** has concluded that egg allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using quadrivalent inactivated vaccine (QIV). This may be done without prior flu vaccine skin test and with the full dose. The vaccine can be given in any settings where vaccines are routinely administered. Immunizers must be prepared for and have the necessary equipment to respond to a vaccine emergency at all times.

Pneumococcal & Influenza Vaccination Pre Printed Order (PPO)

The order number for the Pneumococcal & Influenza Vaccination PPO is PPO0397MR and can be ordered from printing.

Influenza Immunization Notification Forms

Individual **influenza immunization notification forms** are required for each patient immunization administered. Influenza immunization notification forms will be sent from pharmacy to the unit with the influenza vaccine. Additional notification forms can be obtained from the Central Zone inpatient immunization webpage. The completed influenza notification form(s) are to be faxed or sent via interdepartmental mail to the Halifax Infirmary Pharmacy.

ADDRESS– Administrative Assistant, Pharmacy Department

Halifax Infirmary Pharmacy

1796 Summer Street,

2ND Floor, Room 2147

FAX– 473–3904

Please note: Vaccines other than the influenza vaccine require that a reciprocal form be filled out and sent to public health. Completed reciprocal forms should be sent to: Attention: Immunization Records, Public Health, Capital Health
7 Mellor Avenue, Unit 5 Dartmouth, NS B3B 0E8 or Fax: 902–481–8928



Information for Immunization Providers

Additional information for Immunization Providers can be located at:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/cdpc/info-for-professionals.asp>

[Information about staff to staff influenza vaccination](#), can be found on the Central Zone staff immunization webpage by clicking on employees→immunization→staff.

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