

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL MANUAL

Policy

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PREAMBLE

The Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) ensures Influenza immunization is available and offered to all admitted patients and employees annually.

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. All admitted patients as well as employees will be offered influenza vaccine during the annual influenza season unless medically contraindicated or if the patient or legal guardian decline. If Influenza vaccine has already been received in the community, please document the approximate administration date in the patient's medical record. <http://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/flu.asp>
2. An authorized prescriber's order is required- either via a direct written or preprinted order, or by medical directive/protocols developed for a specific patient population.
 - 2.1 Medical directives and protocols are to include indications for influenza vaccine administration and methods for its safe delivery.
3. Influenza vaccine will be given according to current Public Health Immunization Guidelines.
4. Prior to administering Influenza Immunizations, health care providers need to be deemed competent as per provincial and facility policies.

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5. Immunizations will be documented on the patient's medical record.

Note: For health care provider influenza immunization requirements, refer to Occupational Health Safety & Wellness protocols within your facility.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

1. For maximum protection, all Nova Scotian's are eligible to receive the influenza vaccine free of charge. Elderly patients and others at high-risk for influenza complications should be targeted for annual influenza immunization.

<http://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/flu.asp>

2. Those at greatest risk of complications and death from influenza, and those capable of transmitting influenza to high risk groups, are protected through the appropriate administration of influenza vaccine.

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Policies

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282.013 [Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunization Admitted Patients and Outpatients](#)

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Capital Health

MM20-010 Immunization Administration
MM15-011 Immunization by Pharmacists
MM15-010 Immunizations by Family Practice Nurses, Administration of
MM 20-005 Initial Management of Anaphylaxis Following Immunization
CC 02-015 Medical Directives
CH 15-080 Immunizations for Prevention of Communicable Disease in Health Care
Providers
CH 15-081 Influenza Vaccination for Employees, Volunteers and Contract Workers

Colchester

311-024 Immunization Shared Competency

Cumberland

110-007 Immunization

Guysborough Antigonish Strait

1-730 Immunization Administration
1-740 Initial Management of Anaphylaxis Following Immunization

Pictou County

9-i-20 Influenza Pneumococcal Vaccination Program (Adult)

South Shore

SSH-IC-210-011 Administration of Pneumococcal and Influenza Vaccine

Southwest

0-022 Immunization

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District Health Authority/IWK Policies Being Replaced

Capital District Health Authority

IC-06-76 Influenza Immunization

Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority

2-32 Influenza Pneumococcal Immunization Adult

South Shore District Health

IC-210-011 Administration of Pneumococcal and Influenza Vaccine

South West Health

I-243 Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunization Admitted Patients

521.0 Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunization Administration to Patients Policy

Version History

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