



STANDING ORDER: INFLUENZA & PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES

DIVISIONS:

General Internal Medicine

General Internal Medicine Extenders, Nursing Staff, and Care Assistants are authorized through this standing order to order Influenza and Pneumococcal vaccines to patient(s).

Influenza Vaccine is recommended for patients:

1. with chronic respiratory or cardiac disease
2. over age 50
3. with metabolic diseases
4. healthcare workers with patient contact
5. who want to reduce their chance of acquiring influenza

DO NOT ADMINISTER <u>INFLUENZA VACCINE</u> TO PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF EGG ALLERGY OR PREVIOUS REACTION(S).

Pneumococcal Vaccine is recommended for patients:

1. aged 65 and older, who are otherwise healthy .
2. with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, cardiovascular, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
3. with functional or anatomic asplenia.
4. with sickle-cell anemia.
5. with nephrotic syndrome, chronic renal failure, or organ transplantation.
6. with symptomatic or asymptomatic HIV infection.
7. entering long-term care facilities be vaccinated .

Pneumovax general rules:

1. When in doubt, revaccinate. If patient unsure or no documentation exists, revaccinate.
2. Healthy adults will receive one vaccination at age 65.
3. Adults with chronic illnesses will be vaccinated twice, once when the need is recognized and the other at age 65. Patients 61 or older at the time of the first vaccination should be revaccinated 5 years later instead of at age 65.
4. Patients with functional or anatomic asplenia should be revaccinated every 5 years.
5. Nursing staff should document in WebCIS Health Care Maintenance.

DO NOT ADMINISTER <u>PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE</u> TO A PATIENT WITH AN ACTIVE INFECTION, WHO IS PREGNANT, OR HAD AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO THE VACCINE IN THE PAST.

Signature: _____
Internal Medicine Clinic Director

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