



One of a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures

## Flu vaccinations for adults ages 18-64

This measure, also referred to as FVA, examines the percentage of patients ages 18 to 64 who received an influenza vaccination during the prior flu season.

### Exclusions

Exclude all patients with an allergy to eggs or history of a serious adverse or allergic reaction to an influenza vaccine at any time prior to or during the measurement year.

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- Provide clear documentation of vaccines you administered or documentation of vaccines received elsewhere, with dates and locations.
- Utilize the Michigan Care Improvement Registry, or MCIR, tracking system for all patients.
- Strongly recommend that patients get a flu vaccine and educate them about vaccine efficacy and safety.
- Influenza often leads to hospitalization for patients with chronic or underlying conditions. Consider flagging charts for high-risk patients and sending flu vaccine reminders by mail, email or text.
- Offer patients alternative delivery modes, such as nasal spray or the ultrafine micro-intradermal needle, which is 90 percent shorter.
- Keep in mind that flu shot compliance is obtained through the annual Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, or CAHPS, survey. It depends on member recollection of the vaccination.

### Did you know?

- **Each year in the U.S., 5 to 20 percent of the population is infected with the flu.**
- **An estimated 200,000 people annually are hospitalized for complications from the flu.**
- **From 1976 to 2007, flu-associated deaths in the U.S. ranged from 3,000 to 49,000 annually.**

## Tip:

Make vaccine status assessment and discussion an integral part of every office visit.

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