



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 CPHS, 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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