



# Flu Vaccines

## Flu Vaccines for Patients and Families

The BPA for Flu vaccine for patients who are not yet vaccinated is active. Vaccines can be given to patients in DCH clinics, inpatient units and the ED if appropriate. Nursing will help identify patients who have not received a flu vaccine and a BPA will pop up if the information has not been collected/completed. For any patients who have not received the vaccine and wish to get it, you can use the BPA to order a flu vaccine that will be timed at discharge. Please place the order as soon as you determine that the patient will get a flu shot! Do not wait until discharge as this can delay care! Please start asking about the flu shot at admission and help us get patients protected!

We are now offering Flu shots to family members and caregivers of DCH patients in all hospital areas. This helps ensure that our patients are as well protected from Flu as possible, especially vulnerable patients that cannot be vaccinated. Caregivers and family members (including siblings) may be asked if they would like a flu shot. If you identify family members that would like vaccination, notify the bedside nurse or charge nurse or place a nursing communication order so that they can proceed with vaccination for the caregiver(s)/family. This can be given immediately and does not have to wait for discharge for inpatients the way the patient vaccine is ordered. Again, it is very helpful to identify early and get caregivers vaccination well in advance of discharge.

Please help us protect our patients and community from severe disease from Flu!

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