

Global Immunizations

Beginning January 1, 2012 new immunization core measures went into effect. Between September 15 and March 31, all Meridian Nurses screen every admitted patient age 6 months and older for the Influenza Vaccine. In addition, every admitted patient age 5 years to 19 year old with a high risk condition and all patients 19 year and older are being screened for the Pneumococcal Vaccine.

All admitted patients will be assessed by the nursing staff during the admission process using the 'Physician Standing Order Inpatient Pneumococcal and Influenza Vaccine' form, and if indicated based on the screening, the patient will receive the vaccination.

At the time of administration the patient will be provided with an immunization card indicating the type and date of administration. If you do not want your patients vaccinated you must write an order to 'not administer' **and** include one of the acceptable contraindications listed on the Pneumococcal and Influenza standing physician order form.

The patient is also able to decline the vaccine if they choose. A declination form will then be provided to the patient for signature.

See "Physician Standing Order Inpatient Pneumococcal and Influenza Vaccine" form