

# 2015-2016 Patient Information Form FLUARIX INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINE

*Latex & Preservative-Free 0.5 mL*

**Flu**

Influenza (flu) is a respiratory disease caused by influenza virus infection. The types or strains of influenza virus causing illness may change from year to year, or even within the same year. People who get flu may have fever, chills, headache, dry cough and muscle aches, and may be sick for several days to a week or more. Most people recover completely. However, for some people, flu may be especially severe, and pneumonia or other complications including death, may develop.

**Flu Vaccine**

The 2015-2016 flu vaccine contains killed influenza virus and provides protection against two A and two B influenza viruses.

It will not prevent illness caused by other viruses. It takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop after the shot. Protection lasts about a year. This vaccine will not give you the flu because it is a killed virus vaccine.

**Risks & Possible Side Effects**

Influenza vaccine generally causes only mild side effects that occur at low frequency. Most commonly, the reactions may be a sore or tender arm at the injection site, or possibly fever, chills, headache, or muscle aches. These effects usually last 24 to 48 hours. Most people who receive the vaccine either have no or only mild reactions. There is a possibility, as with any vaccine or drug, that an allergic or other serious reaction, or even death, could occur. Moreover, medical events completely unrelated to vaccine administration may occur coincidentally in the aftermath period following vaccination.

Unlike the 1976 swine influenza vaccine, flu vaccines used subsequently have not been clearly associated with an increased frequency of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which is associated with paralysis.

**Dosage**

Patients, age 36 months through 8 years, who have been previously unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated with an influenza vaccine should receive 2 doses at least one month apart. Previously vaccinated patients, 36 months through 8 years, should receive 1 dose of the influenza vaccine. Additionally, all patients, 9 years and older, regardless of their vaccination status, should receive 1 dose of the influenza vaccine.

**Special Notice** - Check with a physician if vaccination is being considered for:

1. Children under 3 years of age, pregnant patients, or nursing mothers.
2. People with hypersensitivity to egg proteins or life-threatening reactions after previous administration of any influenza vaccine.
3. People with a fever, acute respiratory infection, or other active illnesses.
4. People with neurological disorders or are immunocompromised.

If you have questions, please ask now or check with a physician or your health department before receiving the vaccine. If you experience any significant reactions, see your physician.

Date of Service: _____
Dx: V04.81
CPT Admin 90471 \$49
CPT Injection 90686 \$37
Billed Amount : \$86
(3 yrs & above)

**NOTE: The tip caps of the prefilled syringes do not contain latex. The vaccine is preservative free.**

I have read the above information about influenza and influenza vaccine and I have had a chance to ask questions. I understand the benefits and risks of influenza vaccination and request that the vaccine be given to \_\_\_\_\_ me or \_\_\_\_\_ the person named below for whom I am authorized to sign.

Information - Person to Receive Vaccine			
Name (please print)	DOB		
Address	City	State	Zip
Signature (person receiving vaccine or Parent or Guardian)			

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