

Assessing for Flu/Pneumonia Vaccination to Lower Acute Care Hospitalization

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Acute Care Hospitalization and The Flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention

- 5 to 20% of the US population are treated for flu every year
- 200,000 people are hospitalized due to complications from the flu
- 36,000 people die annually from the flu

Flu Vaccinations

- Assessment performed on admission
- Contact MD for order to administer flu vaccination
- Caregivers and other family members offered flu vaccinations

IT DOESN'T STOP AT DISCHARGE

Remind Patients and Caregivers to receive
vaccination annually

Attend local flu clinic

Primary care physician

Homebound patients not on service

Have them contact your office to have home
health nurse visit and administer vaccination

FLU CLINICS

Organize Annual Flu Clinics

- Hospitals
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Senior Housing Communities
- Local Businesses
- Board of Education

Immunization Record

- 2003 – 650 vaccinations
- 2004 – 100 vaccinations
» (due to national shortage)
- 2005 – 676 vaccinations

BENEFITS FOR THE HOME CARE AGENCY

- Fosters Team Building for Employees
- Increases Visibility in the Community
- Promote Community Health
- Recognized in the Community as a Resource for Flu Vaccinations
- Increase Physician and Patient Satisfaction with service

Barriers

- Limited availability of flu vaccine
- Only 4 companies manufacture the vaccine
- Myths about receiving the vaccine

REIMBURSEMENT

- Medicare Reimburses Under the Home Health Benefit for Flu Vaccinations
- Non-homebound Medicare Recipients may be billed to Medicare using Roster billing
- Some Private Insurance Companies Reimburse for flu vaccine administration
- Reasonable Fee Charged for Non-Medicare recipients

Medicare Roster Billing

- Medicare will reimburse for the cost of the flu vaccine and supplies
- Using Roster Billing an agency may bill for several patients at a time
- Contact Medicare Customer Service for more information

Pneumonia

- CDC estimates 500,000 cases of pneumonia each year
- Pneumococcal Pneumonia causes an estimated 40,000 deaths per year
- Pneumonia and Influenza cost the U.S. economy 37.5 billion dollars in 2004.
- Pneumonia is often a complication of the flu.

Pneumonia Assessment

- Assessment of patients on admission for pneumonia vaccination
- Agency does not provide pneumonia vaccinations
- Developed a Clinical Pathway for Pneumonia

Pneumonia Clinical Pathway

- Includes:
 - Front loading of skilled nursing visits
 - Patient assessment
 - Patient education

Most Recent OBQI Report

Acute Care Hospitalization Rate

4.9% Below National Average

PLAN

Continue Administering Flu Vaccinations

Begin to monitor ACH for Pneumonia

Roll Up Your Sleeve

Get Ready and Roll up Your Sleeve

We have ordered 800 flu vaccinations for the
2006-2007 Flu Season