

UC San Diego Health  
**ADULT SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE STANDING ORDER**  
**For Use During Flu Season Only (September-April)**

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Under this standing order, eligible nurses (i.e., RN and LVNs), MAs (in unlicensed clinics only) and pharmacists may vaccinate adults in the **outpatient setting** who meet the criteria below.

Procedure:

1. Identify eligible persons: adults age 18 or older only.
2. Screen all patients for contraindications and precautions to influenza vaccine and refer any of these or other issues to a physician for further evaluation:
  - a. **Severe allergic reaction** (anaphylaxis or any symptom other than hives) after ingesting eggs or a previous dose of influenza vaccine or an influenza vaccine component.
  - b. **Moderate or severe acute illness** with or without fever.
  - c. History of Guillain-Barré syndrome.
3. Provide patient with the most current Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.pdf>
4. Determine appropriate vaccine for patient, all influenza vaccines from the UCSD pharmacy are latex free.
  - a. For ages 18 – 64, use **inactivated** influenza vaccine (e.g., Fluarix).
  - b. For patients with egg allergies, egg free, use preservative free FluBlok Quadrivalent, or Flucelvax
  - c. For ages 65 and older or transplant recipients, use **high-dose inactivated** influenza vaccine (e.g., Flud or FluZone High-Dose).
5. Enter as standing order in the electronic medical record (Epic). Document vaccine lot number, expiration date, and VIS date.
- Administer **inactivated** influenza vaccine or high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine: 0.5 mL IM (22– 25 gauge, 1–1½" needle) at a 90 degree angle in the deltoid muscle. For patients **weighing 91 kg** (200 lbs) or more a longer needle may be necessary: use a 22– 25 gauge, 1 ½" needle at a 90 degree angle in the deltoid muscle.
6. Complete vaccine administration documentation in the electronic medical record. Document vaccine administration in the patient's personal immunization record card, if provided.
7. Refer any issues or concerns about the vaccine to a physician.
8. Report all adverse reactions to influenza vaccine or medication errors in UCSD's iReport event reporting system.