

THE
FLU
VACCINATION
CHALLENGE

IN THE NAME OF PATIENT SAFETY



Joint Commission Resources

Provides educational support for

- The Joint Commission
- Joint Commission Accredited Organizations
- Health care Organizations (HCO)
- Multiple Settings (Ambulatory, Long Term Care, Home Care, Hospital, Lab, Office Based Surgery, Critical Access)

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The Standard

IC.02.04.01 The hospital offers vaccination against influenza to licensed independent practitioners and staff

(effective July 1, 2007)

EP 5 The hospital takes steps to increase influenza vaccination rates

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OBJECTIVES

- Increase annual flu vaccination rates among health care workers (HCWs) across the country
- Underscore the need for HCWs to keep themselves healthy and to help keep their patients from getting the flu
- Keep HCWs from getting the flu to help ensure patient safety

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The Initiative

- Help organizations meet the standard
- Launch a Flu Vaccination Challenge Campaign
- “Challenge” HCOs to exceed the national flu vaccination average of 42%*
- Provide resources, education, best practices
- Recognize HCOs that meet or exceed the “Challenge” with a certificate of achievement

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*2005/2006 influenza season national HCW survey data

The Results

Approximately 1,700 participating hospitals

70% response rate for final data

Approximately 78% INCREASED their vaccination rate

Approximately 1% MAINTAINED their current rate

Approximately 15% DECREASED their vaccination rate

Approximately 94% of organizations that reported their final data met “The Challenge”

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GSK Data on File Source: Self-reported *Flu Vaccination Challenge* Results of healthcare workers vaccinated during 2008/2009 flu season. Results reported March 2009

Goals for 2009/2010

- Extend “The Challenge” to ambulatory and long-term care facilities
- “Raise the bar” for vaccination uptake
 - Consider HHS goal of 60% among health care personnel
 - Better define HCW to encourage vaccination among all pertinent staff (i.e., all staff who have direct contact with patients including ancillary workers and administrative staff)
- Increase response rate for final data via:
 - Providing additional resources
 - Ongoing engagement and support throughout the flu season