

Influenza Management in Residential Care: Yearly Preparation

Related Policies

Guidelines for Influenza A and B Management in Residential Care

Yearly Creatinines:

- Creatinine testing will occur on all residents in PHC residential care annually between April and October (time of testing is to be arranged between the unit and laboratory staff)
- If a resident has a Creatinine test done since March 31st of the current year, they do not need to be re-tested.
- If a new resident has not had a recent Creatinine test, the test should be ordered on admission

Responsibilities:

Unit Clerk:

In October of each year, the Unit Clerk up dates the Influenza Binder:

- Prints out a "Physician Orders- Influenza Illness Drug Therapy" form (PHC-PH174) for each resident on the unit.
- Prepares an NEW form for each resident.
- Discards unsigned forms and any copies from the previous year.
- Keeps the binders up to date with admissions and/or discharges throughout the flu season.
- Ensures that the Residential Program, Immunization Log in the Influenza Binder is updated with the date of the pneumococcal and influenza vaccines
- Updates the log as new residents are admitted and/or discharged until March 31st of the following year
- Transcribes the resident's serum creatinine and GFR values and the date drawn onto the Physician Orders- Influenza Illness Drug Therapy form for each resident
- Once the physician orders are completed, photocopies each form so that two copies are available in the Flu Binder. The second copy is in place should a second outbreak occur.

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Pharmacy:

- In October of each year, the pharmacist confirms the serum creatinine and GFR values for each resident, signs and dates each physician's order form
- Between October and March 31 of the following year, the pharmacist ensures that physician orders "Influenza Illness Drug Therapy" are completed for all new admissions to the facility.

In the event of an Influenza A or B Outbreak declared by the IPAC Physician Leader and/or the Medical Health Officer at VCHA:

The Physician Leader or designate indicates the treatment or prophylaxis dosing regime on the "Physician Orders- Influenza Drug Treatment Therapy" and signs it.

- The completed, signed copy is then faxed to the Holy Family Hospital Pharmacy 604.322.2652, (22652), then placed on the resident's chart in the physician order section as a legal document

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