

QI Weekly



Influenza and Pneumonia Immunizations

Influenza

Measure Detail:

- Patients 6 months and older:
- Seen for a visit between 10/1/19 and 3/31/20;
- And documentation of a flu shot between 8/1/19 and 3/31/19

Exclusions:

- Allergies
- Patient declined

Pneumonia

Measure Detail:

Patients 65 years of age and older

Exclusions:

None



Myths & Facts

- ♦ It is recommended that children 2 years of age have two flu vaccines by their 2nd birthday. **FACT**
- Influenza vaccine causes the flu. MYTH Flu Vaccine does NOT cause the flu.
- ♦ Pneumonia only occurs during the cold season. **MYTH** Pneumonia can be spread anytime.
- ♦ According to the CDC, between 36,000 −61,000 died last flu season from the flu. **FACT**
- ♦ Pneumococcal pneumonia kills about 1 in 20 older adults who get it, according to the CDC. **FACT**

How to Document a Vaccine Refusal

There may be rare instances when the patient refuses a vaccine. To document a refusal, do the following:

- 1. Add an active problem (Refused influenza vaccine Z28.21).
- 2. If you want it to show up on the immunization flowsheet, **right click** on the immunization and choose **Edit.** In the **Status** field, change to **Permanent Deferral**, and choose **"Refusal of treatment by patient (or patient)."**

