



# FALL 2016 TIPS AND TRICKS: FLU VACCINATIONS

## DID YOU KNOW?

The upcoming season's flu vaccine will protect against the influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the season. This includes an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and one or two influenza B viruses, depending on the flu vaccine.

For the 2016-2017 season, CDC recommends use of the flu shot (inactivated influenza vaccine or IIV) and the recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV). The nasal spray flu vaccine (live attenuated influenza vaccine or LAIV) should not be used during 2016-2017.

DESCRIPTION	CPT CODE
Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative-free, for intradermal use	90630
Influenza vaccine, inactivated (IIV), subunit, adjuvanted, for intramuscular use	90653
Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use	90655
Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years and older, for intramuscular use	90656
Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use	90657
Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use	90685
Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use	90686
Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use	90687
Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use	90688

## VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM (VFC) 2016-2017 FLU SEASON HELPFUL HINTS

Flu vaccine for the 2016-2017 flu season was pre-booked in March 2016.

The CDC anticipates that Arizona will have:

- 25% of total state allocation by September 1st
- 50% by September 30th
- 100% by October 15th

Please plan for your vaccine storage needs NOW.

<https://asiis.azdhs.gov/!Flu-Season-helpful-hints-7-20-16.pdf>

## CODING TIPS:

- Do not report each component of a combination vaccine individually.
- Codes should be reported with the appropriate administration code.

**90460** - Immunization administration **through 18 years of age** via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first or only component of each vaccine or toxoid administered

**90461** - Immunization administration **through 18 years of age** via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional vaccine or toxoid component administered (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

**90471** - Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) **[for adults 19 years & older]**

**90472** - Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) **[for adults 19 years & older]**

## Quality Reporting

**G0008** - Administration of influenza virus vaccine

You can help your Medicare patients reduce their risk for contracting seasonal flu and serious complications by using every office visit as an opportunity to recommend they take advantage of Medicare's coverage of the annual flu shot. *(Medicare provides coverage of the flu vaccine without any out-of-pocket costs to the Medicare patient. No deductible or copayment/coinsurance applies.)*