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INFLUENZA VACCINE (FLU SHOT) CONSENT FORM

- 1. Have you ever had an allergic reaction to flu vaccine? Yes or No
 - 2. Are you allergic to eggs or egg products? Yes or No
 - 3. Do you have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome? Yes or No
(illness associated with the swine flu in 1976 characterized by fever, nerve damage, and muscle weakness)
 - 4. Are you allergic to Thimerosal (a mercury-based preservative)? Yes or No
 - 5. Are you allergic to latex? Yes or No
 - 6. Do you feel ill today or do you have a fever? Yes or No
 - 7. If you are female, are you pregnant? # Weeks _____ Yes or No
- Heard about the office from: Newspaper / Internet / PromptMD Website/ Street Sign / Employer / E-mail / Hoboken 411/ Friend or Relative / Other _____
- (Circle ones that apply)**

I hereby certify that the foregoing history is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I have received and read the "Vaccine Information Statement" from the CDC, have had an opportunity to ask questions that were answered to my satisfaction, and do wish to receive the flu vaccination fully understanding the risks and the benefits. I hereby consent to the administration of the flu vaccine (flu shot). Furthermore, I hereby release and forever discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, **PromptMD** and their employees, owners and representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action, which may result from participation in this program.

Your personal information and results shall be held strictly confidential.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND CONSENT

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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MANUFACTURER AND LOT#: _____ Circle one: Sanofi Novartis GSK

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SITE OF INJECTION: R / L DELTOID

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATOR: _____

PAYMENT
Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Credit Card \$ _____ Co. Sponsored _____

What Everyone Should Know About Flu and Flu Vaccine

Why should people get vaccinated against the flu?

Influenza is a serious disease, and people of any age can get it. In an average year, the flu causes 36,000 deaths (mostly among those aged 65 years or older) and more than 200,000 hospitalizations in the United States. The "flu season" in the United States is usually from November through April each year. During this time, flu viruses are circulating in the population. An annual flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal-spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get the flu and lessen the chance that you will transmit to others.

When should I get a flu vaccination?

CDC recommends that people get their flu vaccine as soon as vaccine becomes available in their community. Vaccination before December is best since this timing ensures that protective antibodies are in place before flu activity is typically at its highest. CDC continues to encourage people to get vaccinated throughout the flu season, which can begin as early as September and last as late as May. Over the course of the flu season, many different influenza viruses can circulate at different times and in different places. As long as flu viruses are still spreading in the community, vaccination can provide protective benefit.

Once you get vaccinated, your body makes protective antibodies in about two weeks. However, children younger than 9 years old who are being vaccinated for the first time still need a second dose 4 or more weeks later in order to be protected.

Vaccine Side Effects (What to Expect)

The flu shot: The viruses in the flu shot are killed (inactivated), so you cannot get the flu from a flu shot. Some minor side effects that could occur are

Soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given

Fever (low grade)

Aches

If these problems occur, they begin soon after the shot and usually last 1 to 2 days. Almost all people who receive influenza vaccine have no serious problems from it. However, on rare occasions, flu vaccination can cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. As of July 1, 2005, people who think that they have been injured by the flu shot can file a claim for compensation from the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program \(VICP\)](#).

Why do I need to get vaccinated against the flu every year?

Flu viruses change from year to year, which means two things. First, you can get the flu more than once during your lifetime. The immunity (natural protection that develops against a disease after a person has had that disease) that is built up from having the flu caused by one virus strain doesn't always provide protection when a new strain is circulating. Second, a vaccine made against flu viruses circulating last year may not protect against the newer viruses. That is why the influenza vaccine is updated to include current viruses every year.

For More Information

For information about the 2009-10 influenza vaccine including vaccine supply, visit "2009-2010 Flu Season" at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/index.htm>.

* Please note: Our vaccine supply is for the 2009/2010 Seasonal Flu and will not protect against the H1N1 Swine Flu.