

Standing Orders Templates for Administering Vaccines to Children/Teens and Adults

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AGE AND WEIGHT OF PATIENT	NEEDLE GAUGE	NEEDLE LENGTH
Female or male less than 130 lbs	22–25	5/8"–1"
Female or male 130–152 lbs	22–25	1"
Female 153–200 lbs	22–25	1–1½"
Male 153–260 lbs	22–25	1–1½"
Female 200+ lbs	22–25	1½"
Male 260+ lbs	22–25	1½"

A 25-gauge needle may be used in patients weighing less than 130 lbs (if the needle is held tight, the subcutaneous tissue is not penetrated).

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STANDING ORDERS FOR Administering Pneumococcal Vaccines (PCV13 and PPSV23) to Adults

Purpose

To reduce morbidity and mortality from pneumococcal disease by vaccinating all adults who meet the criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Policy

Where allowed by state law, standing orders enable eligible nurses and other health care professionals (e.g., pharmacists) to assess the need for vaccination and to vaccinate adults who meet any of the criteria below.

Procedure

1 Assess Adults for Need of Vaccination against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus) infection according to the following criteria:

Routine pneumococcal vaccination – Assess adults age 65 years or older for need of pneumococcal vaccination. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) should be administered routinely to all previously unvaccinated adults age 65 years and older. Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) is recommended for all adults ages 65 years or older. For complete details, see section 5 (page 2).

Risk-based pneumococcal vaccination – Age 19 through 64 years with an underlying medical condition or other risk factor as described in the following table:

CATEGORY OF UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITION OR OTHER RISK FACTOR	RECOMMENDED VACCINES ARE MARKED "X" BELOW		
	PCV13	PPSV23	PPSV23 booster ^a
Chronic heart disease, ¹ chronic lung disease ²		x	
Diabetes mellitus		x	
Chronic liver disease, cirrhosis		x	
Cigarette smoking		x	
Alcoholism		x	
Cochlear implant, cerebrospinal fluid leak	x	x	
Sickle cell disease, other hemoglobinopathy	x	x	x
Congenital or acquired asplenia	x	x	x
Congenital or acquired immunodeficiency, ³ HIV	x	x	x
Chronic renal failure, nephrotic syndrome	x	x	x
Leukemia, lymphoma	x	x	x
Generalized malignancy, Hodgkin disease	x	x	x
Idiopathic immunosuppression ⁴	x	x	x
Solid organ transplant, multiple myeloma	x	x	x

^a a second dose 5 years after the first dose of PPSV23

¹ Excluding hypertension
² Including asthma
³ Including B (humoral) or T-lymphocyte deficiency, complement deficiencies (particularly C1, C2, C3, and C4 deficiencies), and phagocytic disorders (excluding chronic granulomatous disease)
⁴ Diseases requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy

2 Screen for Contraindications and Precautions

Contraindications – Do not give pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13 or PPSV23) to a person who has experienced a serious systemic or anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose of the vaccine or to any of its components. For a list of vaccine components, refer to the manufacturer's package insert (www.immunize.org/packageinserts) or go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/exipient-table-2.pdf.

Precautions – Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever

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STANDING ORDER (date of latest revision)	VACCINES	STANDING ORDER (date of latest revision)
child (JUNE 2017)	DTaP	—
child/teen (FEB 2018)	HepA	adult (FEB 2018)
child/teen (OCT 2018)	HepB	adult (MAY 2018)
child (NOV 2017)	Hib	adult (NOV 2017)
child/teen (JAN 2017)	HPV	adult (NOV 2017)
child/teen (OCT 2014)	IPV (polio)	—
child/teen (FEB 2018)	Influenza	adult (SEPT 2017)
child/teen (FEB 2018)	MMR	adult (FEB 2018)
child/teen (DEC 2016)	MenACWY	adult (SEPT 2017)
teen (OCT 2017)	MenB	adult (OCT 2017)
child/teen (APRIL 2013)	PCV	adult (JAN 2017)
child (OCT 2017)	PPSV	
child (FEB 2014)	Rotavirus	—
—	Tdap	pregnant woman (FEB 2014)
child/teen (OCT 2017)	Tdap/Td	adult (MAY 2018)
child/teen (FEB 2018)	Varicella	adult (JULY 2016)
—	Zoster	adult (FEB 2018)

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