

2138 - Influenza Vaccination Requirements to Advance Patient Safety and Public Health

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To advocate that hospitals and health systems require healthcare workers to receive an annual influenza vaccination in accordance with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations; further,

To encourage the hospital and health-system pharmacy workforce to take a lead role in developing and implementing policies and procedures for vaccinating healthcare workers and in providing education on the patient safety benefits of annual influenza vaccination; further,

To work with the federal government and others to improve the vaccine development and supply system in order to ensure a consistent and adequate supply of influenza virus vaccine.

Note: This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0615.



2140 - Universal Immunization for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Healthcare Workforce

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To support policies that promote universal vaccination for preventable infectious diseases among healthcare workers, including all members of the pharmacy workforce, as a safeguard to patient and public health; further,

To encourage the use of evidence-based risk assessments to determine inclusions in and exemptions from mandatory vaccine requirements; further,

To support employers in establishing and implementing mandatory vaccine requirements for vaccines approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and encouraging the use of vaccines that have received FDA emergency use authorization, if risk assessments determine it would promote patient and public health; further,

2140 - Universal Immunization for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Healthcare Workforce (cont'd)

To urge healthcare organizations to have policies that address additional infection prevention practices required for exempted healthcare workers; further,

To develop tools, education, and other resources to promote vaccine confidence, increase vaccination rates, and prevent vaccine-preventable diseases among healthcare workers.