

AstraZeneca Comments

Narrative Description of Influenza Immunization (IMM-2) eCQM

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Narrative Description of Influenza Immunization	Description	Inpatients age 6 months and older discharge during October November December, January or March who are screened for influenza vaccine status and vaccinated prior to discharge if indicated.	<p>Window of measurement for vaccination is too narrow as vaccine becomes available in August and vaccination should continue through the entire season (end of May per CDC monitoring).</p> <p>It would be reasonable to extend this measure to include August to April which would best reflect vaccine availability and evolving community standards for timing of administration of influenza vaccine</p> <p>For this past season 2015- 2016, 98.5 million doses of influenza vaccine doses were distributed by <b>Oct 2 2015</b>. This represents more than 50% of doses distributed for the season.</p> <p><a href="http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vaccinesupply.html">http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vaccinesupply.html</a></p> <p>Additionally vaccination rates by early November 2015 (these data are similar to previous years) were: 39.0% of all persons 6 months and older, 39.2% of children 6 months through 17 years and 39.0% of adults 18 years and older  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/nifs-estimates-nov2015.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluview/nifs-estimates-nov2015.htm</a>.                      Inclusion of August and September would most accurately measure vaccination.</p> <p>These reported data by the CDC tracked vaccination rates through the end of season which is considered May.</p>

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