Influenza Vaccinations for Healthcare Workers

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Program Objectives
Every year, 5 to 20 percent of U.S. residents acquire an influenza virus infection and many will seek medical care in ambulatory healthcare settings. In addition, more than 200,000 people, on average, are hospitalized each year for influenza-related complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC’s influenza prevention measures should be implemented in all healthcare settings and one of the most important measures is annual vaccination of healthcare workers. Yet every year healthcare organizations are faced with large numbers of their workers who refuse to be vaccinated.

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:
• Describe some of the key ethical considerations around healthcare workers refusing vaccination;
• Discuss what the legal/regulatory environment in N.J. is and will be during the coming influenza season;
• Review how successful organizations have gained support from outside organizations, including unions.

Who Should Attend
Physicians. Nurses, infection control professionals, employee health nurses, human resource executives, vice president, medical affairs, CNOs, CEOs, COOs.

Continuing Education Credits
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This program is approved for five contact hours.

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Disclosure information: Full disclosure will be provided at the educational activity.

Registration Information
Fees: NJHA Hospital, Institutional and Business Member: $175 ea. Non-member: $260 ea.

Includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

• Payment by credit card or check is required along with this registration form in order to be registered. Faxed copies of check will not be accepted.

• Registrations will be accepted by FAX at 609-275-4271 ONLY IF ACCOMPANYED BY credit card information (MasterCard, VISA or American Express).

• Make checks payable to: HRET of NJ

Mail to:
Educational Services
HRET of NJ
P.O. Box 82691
Philadelphia, PA 19182-8691

If your check is being processed you may use a credit card to hold your registration. Please write “HOLD ONLY” by the credit card information.

Credit card will be charged if check is not received by the date of the conference.

I agree to these terms.

• Cancellations received by Sept. 14 will receive a refund minus a $50 per person service fee. Cancellations received after that date will not be eligible for a refund.

• Registrants unable to attend may send an alternate.

• No confirmation will be sent.

• For brochures or a calendar of upcoming seminars go to www.HRET-Register.com

For more information, or if you have a disability and need a special accommodation, please call 609-275-4180 or 4181.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30  Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00  Welcome/Introductions/Overview

Aline Holmes, RN, MSN
Senior Vice President, Clinical Affairs
NJHA

Christina Tan, MD, MPH
Assistant Commissioner/State Epidemiologist, NJDHSS

9:15  The Ethics of Mandatory Vaccination for Influenza

• Definition of mandates
• Evaluating the evidence for influenza vaccination
• Effectiveness of mandates to dates

Arthur Caplan, PhD
Director
Center for Bioethics
University of Pennsylvania

10:30 Break

10:45 Strategies to Improve Influenza Vaccination Rates Among Healthcare Workers

• HICPAC/ACIP recommendations
• Interventions that predict higher vaccination rates
• Barriers to healthcare workers’ acceptance of vaccination

Jeremias Murillo, MD
President of the Medical Staff
Saint Barnabas Health Care System

12:00 Networking Luncheon

1:00  Carrots and Sticks: Promoting Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Workers

• Risk associated with healthcare-associated influenza
• Efforts associated with improved rates of healthcare workers’ vaccination
• Impact of a mandatory influenza vaccination program in an acute care children’s hospital
• Impact of program on patient outcomes and healthcare workers’ attitudes

Susan E. Coffin, MD, MPH
Hospital Epidemiologist and Medical Director, Infection Prevention & Control
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Associate Professor of Pediatrics,
Division of Infectious Diseases
UPENN School of Medicine

2:00 The New Jersey Experience: A Panel Presentation

Moderator:
Eddy Bresnitz, MD

Panelists:
Kathy Roye-Horn, RN, CIC
Director of Infection Prevention
Hunterdon Medical Center

Others invited

3:00 Questions and Answers/Evaluations

3:15 Adjournment

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REGISTRATION (Please Type or Print Clearly)

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