

## Immunization Screening – Pneumococcal

Immunization screening and administration of the pneumococcal vaccination is an important part of patient care. There is a new PowerForm Screening Tool in ORCA.

*Note: A FAQ regarding immunization screening that can be obtained from Clinical Education*

The PowerForm will appear on the PAL and the Task List tab when:

- The patient is 65 or older
- There is no previously documented pneumococcal immunization charted in Med Admin
- There is no documented allergy to the pneumococcal immunization
- There is no current order for a pneumococcal immunization already in Med Admin
- The patient is admitted to Acute Care, Psychiatry or Rehab or is transferred from an ICU to Acute Care

### Charting Using the Immunization Screening PowerForm

1. Open the Screening Tool PowerForm from the PAL or Task List tab

*The Immunization Screening Tool works like any other PowerForm such as the Admission History or Braden Scale*

2. Complete the PowerForm, charting appropriate information
3. **Sign**

If you choose **Administer pneumococcal vaccine**:

1. Go to **Med Admin**
2. Right click on Pneumococcal Vaccine Order Box and choose **Med Request...** to order the **vaccine** and **VIS** from pharmacy

*Note: Be sure to document that the patient received the VIS and the VIS Publication Date (found in the lower R corner of VIS)*

3. Click on the **Task Box** to chart administration
4. Complete yellow **required fields**

*Note: The immunization will be administered Subcutaneously*

5. **Sign** > Information will be sent to the Immunization Sub-tab

## Completing the Screening Tool – Tips

### Pneumococcal Screening for Vaccine

#### For patients 65 years and over

Screening is required for this patient because there is no record of pneumococcal vaccine administration in the immunization tab.

In addition to asking the patient and family, historical vaccine administration information may be found in the clinical notes tab (note type "Immunization/Skin Testing Records") ←

**Pneumococcal Vaccine Screening Questions** - check those that apply

Previously received pneumococcal vaccine  
 History of adverse reaction to pneumococcal vaccine  
 Chemotherapy or radiation in the LAST 2 weeks  
 Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) in the last year  
 Chemotherapy/Radiation/BMT in the NEXT 2 weeks  
 Physician order for comfort care only  
 Patient refused pneumococcal vaccine

NOTE: Previously received vaccines must also be entered in the immunization tab (under Pt Info tab)

NOTE: Adverse reactions to vaccines must be entered in the allergy section of the chart

If one or more boxes are checked above, Do NOT administer vaccine. ←

If NO boxes are checked OR if unable to assess vaccine status, administer pneumococcal vaccine 0.5 ml subcutaneously. ←

ACIP guidelines are explicit, if you do not know the patient's immunization history, give the vaccine

**Pneumococcal Vaccine Screening Order**

 Administer pneumococcal vaccine

After checking box, go to eMAR to document vaccine administration ←

- Past immunization history may be found in:
  - Clinical Notes tab
    - Sort By Type to find the Immunization/Skin Testing folder
    - You can expand Search Criteria to look back in time
  - Immunizations

*Note: Immunizations charted in Med Admin and historical immunizations entered in ORCA will show in the Immunizations. See the Historical Immunizations Job Aide for more information.*

- Chart adverse reactions to vaccines in ORCA Allergies areas
- Chart historical vaccine information in Immunizations