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Trivalent Influenza Immunization Consent

Name: _____

The Disease:

Influenza (flu) is caused by viruses. The fever, chills, headache, dry cough muscle aches of flu may last from several days to more than a week, but complete recovery is usual. Certain groups of people, however, are much more likely to suffer major complications if they get the flu. People over age of 65, residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities, people with diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, chronic severe anemia including sickle cell disease, cancer, chronic immunosuppressive disorders and pregnant women who will be in the second or third trimester during the influenza season are among those at higher risk for complications. **Health care personnel who have contact with high-risk patients should be vaccinated to protect themselves and their patients.**

The Immunization:

One injection will protect most people from influenza caused by the different types of virus contained in the vaccine. The vaccine contains the types of influenza virus predicted to be present during the coming influenza season. Yearly immunization is necessary because new strains of virus develop quite often and immunity wanes. Although definitive studies have not been conducted, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention considers the influenza vaccine safe in any stage of pregnancy, but if you are pregnant, we suggest you discuss immunization with your health care provider.

Potential contraindications:

	Yes	No
Recent cortisone (steroids) injection/pills within the past 6 weeks <u>(if yes, you must wait 6 weeks after completion of steroids to receive your flu vaccine)</u>	___	___
Are you currently ill and have fever?	___	___
Have you ever had a bad reaction to the flu vaccine?	___	___
Have you ever had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)?	___	___
Are you severely allergic to eggs?	___	___
Are you allergic to the preservative thimerosal?	___	___
Are you allergic to latex?	___	___

Side Effects:

Side effects are infrequent. The few people that do notice side effects will usually experience very mild symptoms for 1-2 days, including a slight fever, tiredness, muscle ache, tenderness and redness at the injection site. A severe allergic reaction is possible, although rare, so we ask you remain 10 minutes after your immunization for observation. If you are taking Warfarin (Coumadin), Theophylline, or Dilantin the vaccine may affect your blood level.

Guillain-Barre Syndrome is a rare illness first associated with influenza immunization during the use of the "Swine Flu" vaccine in 1976. Approximately one person per 100,000 who received the Swine Flu vaccine later developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Guillain-Barre Syndrome has not associated with the recent flu vaccines, but individuals with a past history of GBS should discuss immunization with their health care provider.

Consent:

I have read the above statement about the Trivalent Influenza Vaccine and have had the opportunity to ask questions. I understand the possible benefits and risks of the vaccination. I request the Trivalent Influenza Vaccine to be given at the time.

Signature: _____

Witness/Administered by: _____

Date: _____

Injection: .5ml Site: LT / RT Deltoid

Lot#: _____

Fluzone CPT: 90658 ICD-9:V04.81

Lot#: _____

Fluarix CPT: 90656 Admin CPT: 90471

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