(A) Policy Statement

All patients admitted to The University of Toledo Medical Center Hospital (UTMC) shall be screened to determine if they are eligible for the pneumococcal or influenza vaccine high dose and regular. Patients who are eligible shall be vaccinated according to the standing orders.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To screen all patients and vaccinate appropriate patients upon admission to UTMC in order to protect them from the increased morbidity and mortality associated with pneumonia and influenza infections.

(C) Procedure

All patients admitted to UTMC beginning each October through March shall be screened to determine if they are eligible to receive the influenza vaccine.

All patients admitted to UTMC shall be screened to determine if they are eligible to receive the pneumococcal vaccine.

1. The vaccine assessment will be completed by the RN upon the patients’ admission.
2. The pharmacist will check the patient’s electronic medication profile for record of prior administration of the vaccines and will notify nursing if a vaccine is contraindicated due to prior administration or other clinically applicable reasons.
3. If appropriate, the pharmacist will dispense the vaccines(s) to the nursing unit to be given.

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Policies Superseded by This Policy:

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