



Influenza Vaccine Administration Refresher

Five RIGHTS for administering flu vaccine

Right vaccine	QIV	High dose TIV
Right client	6 months of age and older	for adults ages 65+
Right dose	0.5 mL	0.5 ML
Right route	IM	IM
Right site	Deltoid	Deltoid

Needle gauge, length for IM injection site

Client age	infants, toddlers and children	youth and adults
Needle gauge	22-25 needle gauge	22-25 needle gauge
Needle length	7/8" to 1" needle length	1" to 1.5" needle length
Injection site	infants: anterolateral thigh toddlers/children: deltoid (upper arm)	deltoid (90° angle)

Use of safety engineered needles to reduce the risk of needle stick injury.

Do's	Don'ts
 ✓ Use a separate syringe for each vaccine. ✓ For adults, 65+ when vaccinating for flu, consider pneumococcal too ✓ For clients with allergies to vaccine ingredients, refer to a specialist for vaccination 	 Don't mix different vaccines in the same syringe Don't adjust the vaccine dosage / double dose Don't give both QIV and HD-TIV in the same flu season

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