Continuous Professional Education Programme for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives to administer Seasonal Influenza Vaccine to Nurses, Midwives, Healthcare Workers, Agency Staff, Contract Workers and Volunteers under Medicine Protocol
Background

- National Immunisation Office in partnership with the Office of Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD), develops an annual Medicine Protocol for the administration of the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine to health care workers under Medicine Protocol by registered nurses and registered midwives.
- The National Immunisation Office reviews the Medicine Protocol and provides national guidance.
- Trained Peer to Peer Vaccinators administer the vaccine under the medicine protocol following the completion of an education programme.
- The Centres of Nurse and Midwifery Education deliver education to support the Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme.
Overview of Programme

1. Introduction to Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme (SIPVP)
2. Medicine Protocols
3. Current updates and Communications
4. Professional and Legal Aspects of Vaccinations
5. Immunisation Process
   1. Storage & Handling
   2. Standard Precautions
   3. Immunisation administration/monitoring
   4. Documentation
   5. Audit
6. Questions & Evaluation
Aim of National Education Programme

• The aim of this programme is to facilitate registered nurses and registered midwives employed by the HSE to develop and maintain the requisite knowledge, skills and competencies to safely administer the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine under Medicine Protocol through the Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccination Programme (SIPVP).
Learning Outcomes

On completion of this educational programme the nurse/midwife will be able to:

- Practice safely and maintain competence in accordance with best evidence in relation to the SIPVP
- Discuss current updates in relation to immunisation and the importance of effective communication.
- Critically evaluate the principles of professional and legal aspects that underpin nurse/midwife responsibilities in the SIPVP as they relate to safe clinical practice.
- Ensure practice is in accordance with the SIPVP and local policies and guidelines.
- Manage the safe and effective administration of the vaccine.
- Undertake accurate documentation and record keeping.
Eligibility Criteria for Medicine Protocol for the Administration of Vaccines by Registered Nurses/Midwives

Professional Qualifications:
• Registered nurse and/or registered midwife on the active Register maintained by Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI).

Minimum Training, Experience, Competence:
• Self assessment of competency is an integral part of the programme which existing Peer to Peer vaccinators must complete annually to determine their competence to administer seasonal influenza vaccine under medicine protocol for the current season.
• For new Peer to Peer Vaccinators the National Education programme for nurses and/or midwives on the use of medicine protocol for the administration of the influenza vaccine to recipient healthcare workers through the Seasonal Influenza Peer Vaccinator Programme is required.
Eligibility Criteria for Medicine Protocol for the Administration of Vaccines by Registered Nurses/Midwives

• Basic Life Support for Health Care Workers within the last 2 years.

• Approved Anaphylaxis Treatment Training face to face programme initially, with updates as required to maintain individual competence (eLearning programme available at www.HSELand.ie)

• Attendance at an education programme in Injection technique.

• Recommended
  • e-learning Guide to Medicines Management, (www.hseland.ie)
  • Immunisation Foundation Programme www.hseland.ie
Sources of Information / websites


- European Medicines Agency available at www.EMA.europa.eu

- Health Products Regulatory Authority available at www.hpra.ie

- Health Service Executive - https://www.hse.ie

- Health Protection Surveillance Centre https://www.hpsc.ie/A-Z/Respiratory/Influenza/SeasonalInfluenza/

- Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinations/
Sources of Information / Websites

• National Immunisation Office [https://www.immunisation.ie](https://www.immunisation.ie)


• NMBI/ABA guidance documents [https://www.nursingboard.ie](https://www.nursingboard.ie)

• World Health Organisation [https://www.who.int/topics/immunization/en/](https://www.who.int/topics/immunization/en/)
Any Questions

• Presentations to follow
• Current Issues and Communication
• Professional and Legal Aspects
• Immunisation Process
• Medicine Protocols
• Evaluation