

Clinical Guideline

Influenza Testing and Treatment

Testing Recommendations

Suspected Influenza in the Ambulatory Setting:

- Patients considered High Risk for Complications (See below.)
- · Adults >65 years of age
- Children <2 years of age
- · Patients with complicated influenza-like illness that may warrant treatment
- Individuals with febrile illness of unclear etiology or as part of a sepsis evaluation

*It is not recommended to perform testing in most ambulatory patients who present with uncomplicated flu-like illness.

Suspected Influenza in the Inpatient Setting:

<u>All</u> patients admitted with febrile illness or respiratory symptoms should be tested.

High Risk for Influenza Complications:

- · Chronic Pulmonary Disease (including asthma and pediatric patients with chronic lung disease and recurrent respiratory infections)
- · Cardiovascular Disease (except for hypertension)
- · Diabetes Mellitus, or other metabolic disorders
- Immunosuppressed (chronic steroids/biologics, chemotherapy, AIDS, etc.)
- Pregnant or Postpartum up to 2 weeks
- Morbid Obesity (BMI >40)
- <19 years of age receiving long-term aspirin therapy</p>
- · Renal, hepatic, hematologic impairment/disease
- Neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions (cerebral palsy, epilepsy, moderate-severe developmental delay, neurodegenerative disorders, etc.)

Treatment Recommendations

Indications for Treatment

- · All patients with confirmed influenza, regardless of timing, who:
 - Have severe, complicated, or progressive illness.
 - Require hospitalization.
 - Are high risk for influenza complications (see above).
- Can be considered based on supply and clinical judgment in low risk patients within 48 hours of symptom onset.

Treatment NOT Recommended

- Non-institutionalized (hospital or other health care facility) patients age 2-64 years not at high risk for influenza complications.
- · Patients with uncomplicated illness after 48 hours of symptom onset.

Chemoprophylaxis Recommendations

Chemoprophylaxis of household members is not routinely recommended except for:

-Medically high-risk (see above) close contacts within 48 hours of exposure

* For neonates born to mothers with influenza, defer to Seattle Children's Hospital Infectious Disease Physician Consult Line for formal recommendations: (206) 987-7777.

Influenza Treatment Dosing for Oseltamivir				
	Age/Weight	Dose	Renal Dose Adjustments	Duration
Neonates	PMA <38 weeks: 1 mg/kg/dose PO q12hr PMA 38-40 weeks: 1.5 mg/kg/dose PO q12hr PMA >40 weeks: 3 mg/kg/dose PO q12hr >2 weeks: 3 mg/kg/dose PO q12hr Confirm with Seattle Children's Hospital Infectious Disease Physician Consult Line (206) 987-7777.			5 days
Infants	Term, 3-8 months 9-11 months	3 mg/kg/dose PO q12hr 3.5 mg/kg/dose PO q12hr	CrCl <30mL/min: usual dose given q24hr *additional dose adjustment needed for hemodialysis (consult pediatric nephrology in all cases)	5 days
Children 1-12 years	<15 kg 15-23 kg 23-40 kg	30 mg PO q12hr 45 mg PO q12hr 60 mg PO q12hr		5 days
Adults and Children ≥ 12 years	>40 kg or >12 years	75mg PO q12hr	CrCl 30-60 mL/min: 75mg PO q24hr CrCl 10-30mL/min: 30 mg PO q24hr Hemodialysis: Consult nephrology	5 days

This guideline is designed for the general use of most patients but may need to be adapted to meet the special needs of a specific patient as determined by the medical practitioner.

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