



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Department of EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

TOPIC: Declination of Influenza Vaccine	SOG #: 2.3.4
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PURPOSE

To provide written confirmation pertaining to the declination of an Influenza Vaccination

SCOPE

All department personnel

CONTENT

Northampton County Department of EMS has recommended I receive influenza vaccination in order to protect myself, coworkers, family, and the patients I serve.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the following facts:

- Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills an average of 36,000 persons and hospitalizes more than 200,000 persons in the United States each year.
- Influenza vaccination is recommended, by CDC, for me and all other healthcare workers to prevent influenza disease and its complications, including death.
- If I contract influenza, I will shed the virus for 24–48 hours before influenza symptoms appear. Shedding the virus can spread influenza infection to patients, coworkers, and family.
- If I become infected with influenza, even when my symptoms are mild, I can spread severe illness to others.
- I understand that the strains of virus that cause influenza infection change almost every year, which is why a different influenza vaccine is recommended each year.
- I cannot get the influenza disease from the influenza vaccine.
- The consequences of my refusing to be vaccinated could endanger my health and the health of those with whom I have contact, including patients in this healthcare setting, my coworkers, my family and my community.

Despite these facts, I am choosing to decline influenza vaccination right now. I understand that I may change my mind at any time and accept influenza vaccination, if vaccine is available. I have read and fully understand the information on this declination form.

I am declining due to the following reasons: (check all that apply)

- I have already been vaccinated this season.
- I am allergic to components of the vaccine (specify) _____.
- I don't believe in vaccines.
- I won't take the vaccine because of side effects.
- I don't believe it is important as I never get the flu.
- I have an allergy to eggs.
- I have had Guillen Barre or other medical problems that preclude me from receiving the vaccine.
- I got severe Flu symptoms from the Flu vaccine and won't get it again.
- Other (specify) _____

EMS Provider's Name (printed):

EMS Provider's Signature:	Date:
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EMS Officer's Signature:	Date:
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