

IMMUNIZATION

Cold Chain & Regulations

There are 5 points to remember when giving flu shots:



Pharmacists can only give flu shots within a UIIP-approved pharmacy

The pharmacy must meet the requirements stated in MOHLTC vaccine storage and handling guidelines.



Vaccines must be stored between 2-8°C, in complete darkness, and never frozen

Food, beverages or medical/laboratory specimens should not be stored in a vaccine storage unit. This practice results in frequent door openings and destabilization of the temperature.



Documentation of written consent is required

Obtaining written consent may facilitate the documentation requirements. The vaccine recipient or a guardian may give the consent.



Pharmacists must follow proper infection control procedures

It is not an absolute requirement to wear gloves, but pharmacists are required to use aseptic technique before administering each vaccine.



Pharmacists must maintain patient records that include all necessary information

This includes:

1. the name and address of the patient
2. the name and address of the pharmacist
3. the date the injection was performed
4. the name, strength, and quantity of the administered substance
5. the circumstances related to the substance administration and any adverse reaction
6. confirmation of informed consent

