New for 2014 – 2015 Flu Season!
Inpatient Influenza Vaccine Screen and Administration at Discharge

To promote influenza vaccination among our hospitalized patients, a new influenza vaccine screening and administration workflow will begin on September 15th. As the flu season approaches, influenza vaccination is one of the most important strategies we can take to protect our patients. It can prevent or reduce severity of illness due to influenza and has been shown to decrease hospital and ICU admissions as well as mortality.

Inpatient influenza vaccine screening and administration is one of the preventive CMS Core Measures. UCSF compliance rates averaged 71% last year, far below the national average of 90%. This year, UCSF will aim to achieve 90% compliance as part of the 2014 – 2015 Medical Center Quality and Safety Organizational Incentive Goal. To achieve this goal, a new workflow has been developed.

Highlights of the new workflow include:

- Influenza vaccine screening and administration orders will be a required element of the day of discharge orderset instead of the admission orderset. However, influenza vaccine can still be ordered at any time during the patient’s hospital stay.
- Screening and vaccination will be limited to patients ≥ 6 months and those with no documentation of current flu vaccination in APEX “Immunization History”.

Please review the attached tip sheet for additional details. Questions regarding the Inpatient Influenza Vaccination program can be directed to Adrienne Green, Associate CMO at Adrienne.Green@ucsfmedctr.org or Janice Hull, RN, MS, Senior Quality Analyst at Janice.Hull@ucsfmedctr.org.

Finally, influenza vaccination for employees will begin October 6th. Please remember to vaccinate yourself as well!