

Why Not Vaccinate?

Did you know that dialysis patients are more likely to develop infections than people with healthy kidneys? That is because kidney disease affects the body's ability to fight infections. Your facility is currently participating with the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network in a quality improvement effort to increase influenza (flu) vaccination rates. The ESRD Network is encouraging all kidney patients to get a flu vaccine.

You have indicated that you do not want to receive a **flu vaccination**. We would like to understand why.

Please tell us why you would rather not receive the flu vaccine. Below is a checklist of possible reasons you may not want the vaccine. Your feedback will help develop educational materials to address patient concerns.

Please check all the reasons you do not want the flu vaccine:

- Vaccines are not safe.
- Vaccines do not work.
- Vaccines make me sick.
- Vaccines have unsafe ingredients.
- I do not like shots because they hurt.
- I never get vaccinated because I never get sick.
- I do not know enough about it to get vaccinated.
- I do not trust pharmaceutical companies.
- It is against my religious beliefs.
- It is against my cultural and/or spiritual beliefs.
- I think I am too sick to get a vaccine.
- Other reason(s): _____

The ESRD Network appreciates your feedback.

Instructions for facility staff:

1. Collect the completed form from patients who decline an influenza vaccination.
2. File the completed forms in a designated area of the facility for review at the next monthly Quality Assessment Improvement Plan (QAPI) meeting.
3. Save the completed forms to refer to when completing the monthly reporting to the ESRD Network.