

MAGIC's Clinical Practice Alliance Committee (CPAC)
Influenza Letter to Facilities 2021-2022

We are pleased to present the 2021-2022 MAGIC CPAC Influenza Protocol for recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and prophylaxis for use in Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living facilities. We acknowledge patients are better treated when there is a standardized process as it shortens the drug to patient time during confirmed cases and outbreaks in facilities. We encourage this protocol to be used by the Medical Director and Director of Nursing to plan for a potential influenza outbreak and using the prophylaxis protocol.

Please complete the following prior to distributing the protocol with your staff:

- With your Medical Director, determine which renal function calculation (GFR or CrCl) will be used to help facilitate quicker initiation of prophylaxis treatment. If CrCl is used (preferred by drug manufacturers), it is imperative to determine who would complete the CrCl calculations prior to utilizing the protocol order set.
- With your lab company, determine how testing will be completed for both Influenza and COVID-19. Determine if one or two swabs are necessary for nasopharyngeal swabbing.

Please monitor relevant sources such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for evolving recommendations for the management of Influenza and COVID-19. The following resource was utilized for updating this year's influenza protocol.

CDC Resource: Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Viruses are Co-circulating

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/diagnosis/testing-management-considerations-nursinghomes.htm>

We look forward to keeping this protocol up-to-date and have an annual revision process. Please connect with us if you have questions about this protocol.

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