Fluzone Quadrivalent (Influenza Virus Vaccine)

About Fluzone Quadrivalent Vaccine
Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine is an inactivated influenza virus vaccine indicated for active immunization of people six months of age and older against influenza disease caused by influenza A subtype viruses and type B viruses contained in the vaccine. Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine is the only quadrivalent vaccine licensed for use in children as young as six months of age.

Fluzone Quadrivalent Vaccine Availability
Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine will be available to healthcare providers in the U.S. for the 2013-2014 influenza season in prefilled syringes and single-dose vials; the vaccine is for intramuscular administration. The presentations of Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine do not contain preservatives and are not made with natural rubber latex. Visit www.vaccineshoppe.com or call 1-800-VACCINE (1-800-822-2463) for more information on ordering Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine.

About the Clinical Trials
Clinical studies involving over 4,700 people six months of age and older compared Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine to the trivalent Fluzone vaccine. The addition of the second B strain in the quadrivalent vaccine induced antibody responses that were similar to Fluzone vaccine for the strains contained in each of the vaccines and added protection for the B strain not in the licensed trivalent Fluzone vaccine. The safety profile for Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine was comparable to the trivalent formulation of Fluzone vaccine. Please see full Prescribing Information available at www.sanofipasteur.us or www.vaccineshoppe.com for additional information on immunogenicity and safety of Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine.

Reimbursement Information
For the 2013-2014 influenza season, there are 2 new CPT® codes that can be used for Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine. In addition to coding for the vaccine, providers should also remember to bill for the vaccine administration.

CPT 90685       Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use (used for the 0.25mL dose)

CPT 90686       Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (used for the 0.5mL dose)

Important Safety Information
The most common local and systemic adverse reactions to Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine include pain, erythema (redness), and swelling at the vaccination site; myalgia (muscle ache), malaise, headache, and fever (irritability, crying and drowsiness in young children). Other adverse reactions may occur. Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine should not be administered to anyone with severe allergic reactions (e.g. anaphylaxis) to any vaccine component, including egg protein, or to a previous dose of any influenza vaccine.

The decision to give Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine should be based on the potential benefits and risks, especially if Guillain-Barré syndrome has occurred within six weeks of receipt of a prior influenza vaccine. Vaccination with Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine may not protect all individuals.

Before administering Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine or Fluzone vaccine, please see full Prescribing Information available at www.sanofipasteur.us or www.vaccineshoppe.com.

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