



Dear TCCN Quality Champions and Practice Administrators,

Our continued mission at TCCN is to provide support and guidance to our member practices. Thank you for **your** continued support in providing the best possible care for our patients and families.

It's back to school season and before we know it, flu season is coming up just around the corner. One thing we can do to prepare is to start recall efforts early so that we can start conversations with patients about the importance of getting their flu vaccine. The flu vaccine continues to be one of the best ways to help provide the greatest protection possible against the flu and other communicable diseases, especially for vulnerable populations including asthmatics.

To assist you in your recall efforts, TCCN is providing you a list of Asthmatic patients that are due for the flu vaccine. Please use this list as a helpful tool in your patient communication efforts. This list is pulled from our population health management tool, Innovaccer, and is up to date as of the last time you sent claims data.

When scheduling recall visits for your Asthmatic patients, we recommend getting them up to date on their flu vaccine as well as checking for or completing an updated Asthma Action Plan (AAP) and Asthma Control Test (ACT) if needed. Please refer to the [TCCN Asthma Toolkit](#) for additional resources to support your asthma visits.

Along with your recall lists, please use these measures below as a tool to recall patients to ensure that the below care measures are met:

- At Well Visits and or Asthma Follow Up Visits, providers will complete the following care measures and code appropriately for asthmatics:
 - Asthma Action Plan (code: 5250F)*
 - Asthma Control Test (code: 96160)*
 - Flu Shot (during Flu season)*

[*As recommended by the NHLBI guidelines](#)

- Support the Asthma Medication Ratio measure by converting controller medications to a 90-day supply to increase adherence and re-educating patients and families on the difference between their controller and rescue medication
 - [Asthma Medication Ratio Best Practices](#)

When they come in for their visit, we recommend that your staff flag the patient's chart so the provider can be sure to code for the AAP at the visit. See the [flagging charts resource sheet](#) for tips on how to do this.

In addition, we also have several resources to help your practice gear up for the upcoming flu season.

These include:

- [Flu education for families](#)
- [CDC Flu recommendations for children and high-risk populations](#)
- [Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic developed by the CDC](#)

Please also refer to these guidelines and tips created by TCCN and CHOA:

- [Asthma Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Flu Testing Algorithm](#)
- [Flu and COVID-19 Testing Algorithm](#)

Every patient, every exam, and every vaccination matter in our mission to help keep the children and families in our communities healthy and safe.

If you have any questions about your recall list, Asthma Action Plan, Asthma Control Test, or Flu patient education, please contact Laura Baldwin at Laura.Baldwin@tccn-choa.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to TCCN and to the children and families we serve.

Be safe and well,

The Children's Care Network