



BC Cancer Agency

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To Our Patients:

Re: Information on H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccines

According to the most recent information all patients with active cancer or on active treatment are considered at risk for H1N1 and seasonal flu.

It is recommended that all patients receive the H1N1 vaccine.

It is also recommended that the following patients also receive the seasonal flu vaccine.

- i) All patients 65 years and older
- ii) All patients under 65 who have chronic health conditions such as active cancer, diabetes, cardiac, pulmonary or renal disease, or who live in a nursing home or chronic care facility

Patients can receive the seasonal flu vaccine at the same time, or after the H1N1 vaccine.

For more information please see the following Health Link BC website documents:

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile108b.stm>

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile12d.stm>

Information on immunization clinics is available at:

<http://www.immunizebc.ca/default.htm>

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