

## Influenza vaccine recommendations

| Influenza vaccine<br>type  | Population                                     | When should patients receive the influenza vaccine?   |
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| Standard dose inactivated influenza vaccine: recommended if not medically contraindicated  LIVE attenuated influenza vaccine (e.g. intranasal FluMist®): NOT recommended during treatment and for at least 6 months afterwards  High dose inactivated influenza vaccine (Fluzone® High- Dose): NOT recommended | Patients on active chemotherapy                | Within two or three days prior to the next chemotherapy cycle   |
|  | Patients on targeted therapy                   | At any time during treatment  |
|  | Patients on radiation therapy                  | At any time during treatment*  *Injection should be given on the opposite side if unilateral treatment is given   |
|  | Patients on checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapy | <ul> <li>Depends on the immunotherapy regimen:</li> <li>PD-1 inhibitor monotherapy         (e.g. pembrolizumab, nivolumab):             o at any time during therapy</li> <li>PD-L1 inhibitors (e.g. atezolizumab):             o at any time during therapy</li> <li>CTLA-4 inhibitor (e.g. ipilimumab), alone or in combination:             o should NOT receive any vaccine within 6-8 weeks of starting treatment or within 6-8 weeks of last dose</li> <li>Maintenance nivolumab following combination therapy:             o discuss timing of vaccination with physician</li> </ul> |

Family and care providers of patients with cancer should be encouraged to consider receiving either inactivated or live attenuated influenza vaccine if not contraindicated.