

FLUCELVAX® (Influenza Vaccine)

**Important Safety Information** 

What is FLUCELVAX® (Influenza Vaccine)?

FLUCELVAX is a vaccine that helps protect people aged 6 months and older from the flu. Vaccination with FLUCELVAX may not protect all people who receive the vaccine.

Please see additional Important Safety Information on last page, and the <u>full US</u> Prescribing Information for FLUCELVAX.

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# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT CHILDREN GET A SEASONAL FLU SHOT?

- Millions of children are affected by the flu each year<sup>3</sup>
- A study over 4 US flu seasons, between 2010 and 2014, found that flu vaccination reduced the risk of flu-related death by 65 percent among healthy children (ages 6 months through 17 years)<sup>4</sup>
- The CDC recommends that all eligible patients 6 months and older get vaccinated every year<sup>3</sup>

## DID YOU KNOW?

Most flu shots are produced by growing flu viruses in chicken eggs. It's a process that may cause changes to the viruses in the vaccine. An alternative way to produce flu vaccines is by growing flu viruses in mammalian cells. **These cell-based vaccines avoid the changes that occur in egg-based vaccine production.**<sup>5</sup>



CHILDREN HAVE HIGHER INFLUENZA INFECTION RATES AND CAN SPREAD THE FLU LONGER THAN ADULTS<sup>6-8</sup>

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## WHAT IS FLUCELVAX® (Influenza Vaccine)?

**FLUCELVAX** is a cell-based flu shot for prevention of seasonal flu in patients **6 months and older**. It helps protect against all strains contained within the vaccine.<sup>2</sup>

#### **FLUCELVAX IS:**

- Free of eggs and antibiotics<sup>2</sup>
- Available in an option that contains no preservatives<sup>†2</sup>
- Covered by Vaccines for Children (VFC), Medicare Part B, and most major health plans—some patients may even qualify for \$0 copayment or deductible<sup>‡§</sup>
- †FLUCELVAX 0.5-mL pre-filled syringes contain no preservative. FLUCELVAX 5-mL multi-dose vials contain thimerosal, a mercury derivative, added as a preservative.
- \*Talk with your insurance provider to understand your coverage benefits.
- §This information does not constitute a guarantee or warranty of coverage benefits or reimbursement. Confirm availability with your state's VFC program.

## Important Safety Information (continued) Who should not receive FLUCELVAX?

You should not receive FLUCELVAX if you have a history of severe allergic reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine.

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TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST TO LEARN MORE ABOUT **FLUCELVAX**.



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### Before receiving FLUCELVAX, tell your healthcare provider about all medical conditions, including if you:

- have ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome (severe muscle weakness) within six weeks after getting a flu vaccine.
   The decision to give FLUCELVAX should be made by your healthcare provider, based on careful consideration of the potential benefits and risks.
- have problems with your immune system or are taking certain medications that suppress your immune system, as these may reduce your immune response to the vaccine
- · have ever fainted when receiving a vaccine

#### What are the most common side effects of FLUCELVAX?

- pain and/or redness where the vaccine was given
- the vaccine was given headache
- extreme tiredness
- · muscle aches

#### Additional side effects seen in children include:

- tenderness, bruising and/or a raised hardened area where the vaccine was given
- sleepiness

- irritability
- diarrhea
- changes in eating habits
- feeling unwell (malaise)

#### These are not all of the possible side effects of FLUCELVAX.

You can ask your healthcare provider for more information and for advice about any side effects that concern you.

#### What do I do if I have side effects?

Report any severe or unusual side effects to your healthcare provider.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact CSL Seqirus at 1-855-358-8966 or VAERS at 1-800-822-7967 or www.vaers.hhs.gov.

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