



WRHA Immunization Program Clinical Practice Guidelines

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide operational guidance to immunization providers in procedures to apply to WRHA Regional Policy 110.000.100 Access to Care by Non-Residents of Canada.
<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/corp/policy/files/110.000.100.pdf>

2.0 SCOPE & GOAL

- 2.1 To ensure a process that enables individuals that are non-residents of Canada to receive immunizations in accordance with WRHA Regional Policy 110.000.100 Access to Care by Non-Residents of Canada.
- 2.2 In reference to the WRHA Regional Policy 110.000.100 Access to Care by Non-Residents of Canada an immunization would be considered an elective procedure. Refer to elective section of policy, Section 4B.

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Any requests from an individual that is a non-resident of Canada to receive an immunization will follow the process outlined in the WRHA Regional Policy 110.000.100 Access to Care by Non-Residents of Canada.
<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/corp/policy/files/110.000.100.pdf>
- 3.2 Non-residents of Canada must agree to sign the WRHA-Governing Law and Jurisdiction agreement. Pursuant to the Governing Law and Jurisdiction Agreement, the patient retains the right to initiate legal action in the future regarding this medical care. The only restriction on that right is that it be exercised in a Canadian court.
<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/hinfo/rhif/files/NS00564.pdf>
- 3.3 Approval is required from the WRHA CEO and the VP for a regionally managed program and/or the COO/CEO of a Winnipeg health care facility to receive the immunization. These requests should be forwarded through standard program reporting mechanisms using the WRHA Non-Resident of Canada Request for Elective Care Form:



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3.3.1 <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/hinfo/rhif/files/110.000.100form.doc>

4.0 **EXCEPTION: FOR THE ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINE ONLY**

4.1 Given the importance of vaccinations to prevent the spread of influenza, the CEO has granted approval to all health care providers to provide the influenza vaccine in the following circumstances only:

4.1.1 Prior approval has been granted for visitors to Manitoba.

4.1.2 It is the health care provider's judgment that the influenza vaccine is appropriate for that specific patient; and

4.1.3 The WRHA Governing Law and Jurisdiction Agreement is signed by the non-resident of Canada prior to receiving the vaccine or by the non-resident's legally authorized substitute decision-maker.

<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/hinfo/rhif/files/NS00564.pdf>

4.2 All other requests for immunization must receive prior approval.

4.3 The individual will proceed through the regular immunization process once the above approval has been granted and WRHA-Governing Law and Jurisdiction agreement has been signed.

5.0 **BACKGROUND**

6.0 **VALIDATION**

6.1 WRHA Regional Policy 110.000.100 Access to Care by Non-Residents of Canada.

7.0 **RECOMMENDED READING**