Administering COVID-19 Vaccine to Postpartum Patients

Impacted User: Inpatient nurses administering the COVID-19 vaccine to postpartum patients.

This tip sheet will review the workflow of administering, monitoring and documenting the COVID-19 vaccine given to postpartum patients during an inpatient stay at HUP. Daily communication with pharmacy is an important part of this process to ensure accuracy. The vaccine will be delivered to the unit by the pharmacy Mondays through Fridays at a specified time each morning. The vaccine is not available to be administered on the weekends. The COVID-19 vaccine dose expires 6 hours after delivery to the unit.

Distribution

9:00am
- Pharmacy runs a report to identify patients with an active COVID-19 vaccine order.
9:30am
- Pharmacist calls S8 & S7 charge nurse to review patients to receive the vaccine doses.
10:00am
- Labels are printed and communication occurs with PCAM 15 for # of doses needed.
11:00am
- Pharmacy hand delivers each dose to individual nurses of those patients, to be administered soon after.

Administration

1. *Administration* of the vaccine occurs as soon as possible upon delivery (expires within 6 hours).
   - Paper consents will be available on unit.
   - Signed consent to be returned to S8/S7 Pharmacy.
3. *MAR* documentation.
   - *Scan* patient’s ID then *scan* label on vaccine bag.
   - In administration window, *complete* all fields and *manually enter* Lot # and NDC.

4. *Complete* the COVID-19 vaccine card delivered with the vaccine.
Note: If the patient refuses the vaccine, the vaccine must be hand delivered back to S8/S7 satellite pharmacy by the nurse. The nurse documents refused on the MAR, and returned to pharmacy in the comments.

Monitoring the patient

1. **Place** call bell within reach.
2. Be sure patient is not holding the baby while being monitored.
3. **Engage** support person, if possible.
4. 15 minutes after administration, check on patient and **complete** appropriate documentation.

5. **If no reaction:**
   A. **Go to Notes** activity.
   B. **Click** on New Note in the upper left corner.
   C. In the note, **select** the note type: **Nursing Note**.
   D. **Type .COVID19VACCINEMONITOR** into the body of the note.
   E. **Click** the star next to this SmartPhrase to easily locate it when documenting the COVID-19 vaccine on future patients. This step only needs to be done once.
   F. **Press enter** to pull the SmartPhrase into the note.
   G. **Place** the cursor at the beginning of the sentence and **left click**.
   H. **Press** the F2 button on the keyboard to highlight the option for minutes monitored.
      - **Note:** OB patients will only need to be monitored for 15 minutes
   I. **Double click** on ‘15’ and then **click Sign**.

6. **If a Reaction occurs:**
A. If true anaphylaxis occurs, airway rapid response.
B. If other reaction not yet at airway level, call OB emergency.

Facilitate Scheduling the Patient for 2nd Dose Vaccine

1. Provide patient with the phone number to call to schedule 2nd dose.
   - 267-758-4902.
   - Open Monday- Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
   - All patients eligible to schedule over the age of 16.
   - Enterprise-wide access to vaccine appointments.

Education at Discharge

1. Review that the 1st dose of the COVID Vaccine was administered.
2. Review the appointment date of the 2nd dose COVID-19 vaccine.
3. Review patient discharge instructions related to the COVID Vaccine in the AVS at discharge.