

ADMINISTERING COVID-19 VACCINE

The Injection Process: Whose role is it anyway?



The entire process of injecting the COVID-19 vaccine is a collaborative process between the pharmacist and pharmacy technician or pharmacist intern.



1 ASSESSMENT AND EDUCATION

MUST be performed by the **pharmacist** EACH time

- Assess current state of health
- Assess for precautions & contraindications
- Evaluate previous reactions
- Discuss risks and benefits; provide opportunity for questions



2 INFORMED CONSENT

Obtaining informed consent is a multi-step process. The **pharmacist** **MUST** ensure the patient understands the information presented & documents the consent.

- Assess that the patient is capable of consenting



May be performed by either a **pharmacist, technician** or **intern**

- Ensure the patient has read the vaccine fact sheet
- Outline the process of administration & positioning
- Obtain and document consent to perform the injection



3 INFECTION PREVENTION

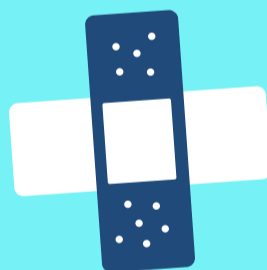
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- Incorporate routine infection control practices
- Ensure aseptic technique

4 VACCINE PREPARATION

May be performed by either a **pharmacist, technician** or **intern**

- Determine the 10 rights have been met
- Select appropriate syringe and needle
- Perform 3 product checks: prior to preparation, during preparation, & prior to administration



5 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

May be performed by either a **pharmacist, technician** or **intern**

- Landmark prior to administering
- Ensure appropriate site, route and technique for administration



6 DOCUMENTATION

May be performed by either a **pharmacist, technician** or **intern**

- Ensure all federal and provincial documentation and record keeping requirements are followed
- Initiate billing & adjudication for payment
- Prepare reports and documents

7 POST-VACCINATION COUNSELLING & OBSERVATION

May be performed by either a **pharmacist, technician** or **intern**

- Ensure the patient is kept under observation for at least 15 to 30 minutes after vaccine administration
- Ensure the patient understands the rationale for remaining under supervision following the administration

Technicians and **interns** **MUST** immediately consult with the **pharmacist** if an adverse event occurs.



Remember: Pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns must practice under direct supervision of a **licensed pharmacist certified to administer by that same method.** Pharmacy technicians have their own malpractice insurance, and will function under their own insurance. Pharmacy interns will function under the pharmacist's malpractice insurance.

