

# Healthcare Personnel Influenza Immunization Saves Lives

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**Immunizing eight healthcare  
personnel in long-term care  
organizations**

**8 = 1**



**Will save one life<sup>2-4</sup>**

- Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills people.
- Influenza vaccines are safe and effective.
- Unvaccinated healthcare personnel spread influenza to their patients.
- As a result of influenza transmission from healthcare personnel, hospitalized and other vulnerable patients can have prolonged hospitalizations, severe illnesses and can die.<sup>1</sup>
- According to a summary of three randomized controlled trials, in long-term care organizations, immunizing 8 healthcare personnel saves 1 life.<sup>2-4</sup>
- Healthcare personnel influenza immunization saves lives, reduces influenza burden of illness, reduces healthcare costs and reduces healthcare personnel absenteeism.<sup>2,5,6</sup>

1. Fiore et al. (2010) 2. Carman et al. (2000) 3. Hayward et al. (2006) 4. Potter et al. (1997) 5. Nichol et al. (1995) 6. Lester et al. (2003)

**The Canadian Healthcare Influenza Immunization Network is the leading group in Canada conducting research on predictors and interventions that explain influenza immunization rates among healthcare personnel. It is the leader in assessing change initiatives and advocating for systemic changes to improve healthcare personnel influenza immunization rates.**

