



December 18th, 2012

Dr. Barb Mildon, RN, PhD, CHE, CCHN(C)
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Dear Dr. Mildon:

Re: Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Position Statement on Influenza Immunization of Registered Nurses

On behalf of Immunize Canada members, we congratulate the CNA on the approval and release of the recent *Position Statement on Influenza Immunization of Registered Nurses* http://www2.cna-aicc.ca/cna/documents/pdf/publications/PS_Influenza_Immunization_for_RNs_e.pdf.

This statement recognizes the critical role nurses play in patient safety in our healthcare system and the value of immunization, including annual influenza immunization, in protecting nurses, their families and their patients.

As a Coalition of national non-governmental, professional health, consumer, government and private sector organizations, Immunize Canada aims to increase awareness about the benefits of immunization and promote the understanding and uses of vaccines as recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). Since 2004, the Coalition has established itself as a trustworthy and independent voice in support of immunization of children, adolescents, adults, and healthcare professionals, and it is in this capacity that we commend CNA.

It is with great pleasure that we support and endorse this important message.

Yours sincerely,

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