

September 28, 2005

Michele Pearson  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)  
1600 Clifton Rd  
Atlanta, GA 30333

RE: Influenza Vaccine Consent for Healthcare Workers

Dear Ms Pearson:

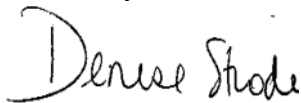
I am writing to you on behalf of the Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP). It is our understanding that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans to issue a recommendation regarding the influenza vaccine consent as it relates to healthcare workers in a future publication of the MMWR.

I am attaching AOHP's position statement on this topic and hope you will strongly consider it before information regarding the consent/declination recommendation is published.

Please feel free to contact Sandra Prickitt, AOHP's Executive Vice President and Government Affairs Committee Chair, at [prickis@sutterhealth.org](mailto:prickis@sutterhealth.org) if you need further clarification or have any questions.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive President