CERNER REFERENCE GUIDE

EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING THE ACIP ADULT HEPATITIS B VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS



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- The decision to vaccinate is the responsibility of the provider, in consultation with the eligible adult.
- This document is intended to be applicable to a wide range of health system sizes, but with an emphasis on the outpatient versus inpatient setting.
- Your institution/health system may or may not have access to all Cerner features and tools described within this document.

COMMON CERNER USERS AMONG YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM



PROVIDER Physician, NP, PA



NURSE



PHARMACIST



HEALTH SYSTEM MANAGEMENT



ELIGIBLE ADULT

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR **UNIVERSAL CERNER GUIDE**

This reference guide is a resource to help facilitate hepatitis B vaccination within health systems, in consideration of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) routine hepatitis B vaccination recommendations in all eligible adults. 1,2* With hepatitis B vaccination deemed routine in this population, millions of adults in the United States are recommended for vaccination.³ This reference guide highlights decision support tools, chart functionalities, and population health strategies specific to Cerner software that can be leveraged to implement hepatitis B vaccination strategies targeting appropriate adults.

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HBV, hepatitis B virus.

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WHAT YOU WILL FIND WITHIN THE REFERENCE GUIDE

This guide discusses decision support tools, chart functionalities, and population health strategies specific to Cerner that health systems can leverage to increase vaccination rates for hepatitis B among adults.

IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING PATIENT INTERVENTIONS

By using features and tools available in Cerner, health systems can create a customized approach to implementing the ACIP adult hepatitis B vaccination recommendations, with the goal of proactively encouraging vaccination among eligible adults aged 19 years and older^{1,2} and tracking series completion.



Functionalities for specific user groups that require response from the user.



Tabs or screens accessible within a patient chart that provide key information to users. The information displayed can trigger a user to make a decision or perform a specific evaluation for that patient.



Interactive databases that generate customized and filtered patient lists across an entire health system based on selected criteria. These patient lists can be leveraged to create batch functions. Examples of batch functions include, but are not limited to, sending a chart message, ordering a vaccine or medication, or flagging vaccination statuses.

AVAILABLE CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS

Below is a curated list of Cerner features and tools available to help healthcare teams identify and address hepatitis B vaccination gaps.

FEATURE/ TOOL	ТҮРЕ	DEFINITION	INTENDED END USER	OUTPUT	
Section 1: De	Section 1: Decision Support Tools				
Discern Alert	ALERT	Customizable alerts that pop up within a patient chart, triggering an action/decision from the Cerner user	Provider (Physician, NP, PA)PharmacistNurse	 Suggested intervention accepted and activated (eg, order placed) Suggested intervention dismissed or postponed 	
Health Maintenance Alert	ALERT	Customizable alerts that appear within the Health Maintenance section of the patient's chart, suggesting an action/decision from the Cerner user	Provider (Physician, NP, PA)PharmacistNurse	 Suggested intervention accepted and activated (eg, order placed) Suggested intervention dismissed or postponed 	
PowerPlan	ORDER ENTRY	Order entry workflow allows providers to order multiple components of the patient's plan of care including lab tests, x-rays, medications, vaccinations, and patient education	Ordering providers and eligible co-signers	Vaccine ordered and administered	
Section 2: Ch	art Function	alities			
Visit Summary	PRINT DOCUMENT	Printed information provided to patient after a visit or hospitalization summarizing the encounter, and includes instructions, current medication list, follow-up appointments, and vaccination status	Provider (Physician, NP, PA)PharmacistNurse	 Patient notified of vaccination recommendation Patient schedules a vaccination appointment or receives it at a pharmacy 	
HealtheLife Patient Portal Reminder	PATIENT PORTAL	Descriptive and personalized reminder messages for vaccinations and screenings sent by the patient's provider	Provider (Physician, NP, PA)Patient	 Patient notified of vaccination recommendation Patient schedules a vaccination appointment or receives it at a pharmacy 	
Immunization Forecaster	PATIENT CHART	Type of preventive care tracking tool, which helps healthcare team members identify care gaps related to missing and overdue vaccinations	Provider (Physician, NP, PA)PharmacistNurse	 Passive – no direct action from generated tracking tool Vaccine manually ordered and subsequently administered and documented 	

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Section 3: Po	Section 3: Population Health Strategies			
Discern Informatics Query and Recall Report	DATABASE	Functionality that allows users to filter patient data to identify gaps in care	 Provider (Physician, NP, PA) Health system management 	 Report generated and reviewed for vaccination eligibility Vaccine manually ordered and subsequently administered and documented
HealtheIntent	DATABASE	Aggregation and filtering of population health and patient data	Provider (Physician, NP, PA)Health system management	Reports and data sets generated and reviewed for vaccination eligibility

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **DISCERN ALERT**



Discern Alerts are customizable alerts that can appear within various sections in a patient chart when specific criteria are met, triggering an action or decision from the user.

CONSIDERATIONS

- It is important to ensure correct inclusion/exclusion criteria are incorporated to avoid unnecessary or incorrect popups
- Appropriately set up the hepatitis B vaccination Discern Alert to encourage healthcare teams to speak with their patients about vaccination and preventive care
- Include a link to the hepatitis B MMWR publication in your alert to give your healthcare team members key information to make informed decisions

⊘ HEPATITIS B VACCINATION - IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST
□ Select title of alert: Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Status
☐ Create Evoke (trigger event), Logic (inclusion/exclusion criteria), and Action (content/actions) parameters, which will indicate the ACIP criteria logic necessary to trigger the alert
□ Include key message: Your patient is [RECOMMENDED to receive/OVERDUE for/MISSING A DOSE of] routine hepatitis B vaccination
 Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination
 Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination or Hepatitis B Vaccination History: Completion of hepatitis B vaccine series or History of Hepatitis B Infection
☐ Create Discern Rules based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria above to identify patients recommended to receive hepatitis B vaccination

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **HEALTH MAINTENANCE ALERT**



Health Maintenance Alerts appear in the Health Maintenance section of the patient's chart; they are used by providers and nurses to identify patients who may be recommended to receive vaccination.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Automate a Health Maintenance Alert for adult hepatitis B vaccination so that healthcare team members can stay on track with the updated vaccine recommendations
- Ensure the patient's vaccination history is current to avoid unnecessary or incorrect alerts
- Activate Health Maintenance Alerts for pharmacists and nurses they can recommend and/or administer vaccines

□ Select title of alert: Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Status	
☐ Create Health Maintenance Expectation Schedules, Series, and Rules based on the criteria below, indicate the ACIP criteria logic necessary to trigger the alert and identify patients recommended the hepatitis B vaccination	
☐ Include key message: Your patient is [RECOMMENDED to receive/OVERDUE for/MISSING A DOSE of hepatitis B vaccination	routine
 Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination 	
 Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination or Hepatitis B Vaccination History: Completion of hepatitis B vaccine series or History of Hepatitis B Infection 	

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **POWERPLAN**



DECISION SUPPORT TOOL > Order Entry

PowerPlans provide streamlined order entry workflow by including all necessary individual orders associated with specified clinical care outcomes into one submission, such as lab tests, x-rays, medications, and vaccinations.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Leverage unique PowerPlan capabilities for vaccination orders by including patient education, such as Vaccine Information Statements (VIS), and scheduling patients' multidose hepatitis B vaccine to ensure series completion
- Utilize narrow selection functionality when creating vaccination order fields to help streamline provider workflow - allow providers to select the preferred product as the only choice
- Activate PowerPlans for pharmacists and nurses they may be permitted to enter PowerPlans for cosign by providers*

⊘ HEPATITIS B VACCINATION - IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST
 Create a new PowerPlan or update an existing one (eg, Wellness Visit, Preventive Care Interventions, Discharge Plan)
 Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination
 Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination or Hepatitis B Vaccination History: Completion of hepatitis B vaccine series or History of Hepatitis B Infection
☐ Include hepatitis B vaccine product details

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **VISIT SUMMARY**



CHART FUNCTIONALITY > Print Document

The Visit Summary is provided to patients after a visit or hospitalization. It includes instructions, current medication list, follow-up appointments, and vaccination status.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Review the Visit Summary with each patient, leveraging the opportunity to schedule their hepatitis B vaccination prior to discharge or leaving an appointment
- Use the Clinical View Manager Tool to add additional, customizable content to the Visit Summary
- To ensure users receive correct vaccination schedules for their patients, confirm the vaccine product details are entered into the alert specifications
- Counsel patients on routine vaccinations at every encounter as a critical preventive care strategy

⊘ HEPATITIS B VACCINATION - IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST
☐ Select recommended vaccination: Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination
 Sample message copy: You are RECOMMENDED to receive hepatitis B vaccination. Schedule an appointment to receive vaccination You are OVERDUE for your next hepatitis B vaccination dose. Schedule an appointment to receive vaccination You have NOT COMPLETED your routine hepatitis B vaccination series. Schedule an appointment to receive vaccination
 Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination
 Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination or Hepatitis B Vaccination History: Completion of hepatitis B vaccine series or History of Hepatitis B Infection
☐ Include hepatitis B vaccine product details
□ Select Publish to complete the Visit Summary and provide to adult patients recommended to receive hepatitis B vaccination via the HealtheLife Patient Portal , email, or printed copy

ACIP, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **HEALTHELIFE PATIENT PORTAL REMINDER**



HealtheLife is Cerner's patient portal, where patients can see upcoming appointments, prescriptions due for refill, and overdue vaccinations. A messaging feature allows providers to send personalized reminder messages for vaccinations and screenings through the HealtheLife Patient Portal system.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Use population health strategies, like Discern Informatics Query and Recall Report, to select patients recommended to receive hepatitis B vaccination reminders through the patient portal
- Use Clipboard forms to encourage patients to keep their vaccination status updated in their HealtheLife Patient Portal, especially whether they have received vaccination outside of your health system

HEPATITIS B VACCINATION - IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST ☐ **Input subject of HealtheLife Reminder:** Hepatitis B Vaccination ☐ Sample message copy: You are RECOMMENDED to receive hepatitis B vaccination. Schedule an appointment to receive vaccination by clicking here • You are OVERDUE for your next hepatitis B vaccination dose. Schedule an appointment to receive vaccination by clicking here • You have NOT COMPLETED your routine hepatitis B vaccination series. Schedule an appointment to receive vaccination ☐ Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND

- Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination
- ☐ Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on:
 - Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or
 - Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination or
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 - History of Hepatitis B Infection

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **IMMUNIZATION FORECASTER**



The Immunization Forecaster houses details of vaccination records, including those from manual entry and from medication administration records. This screen allows providers to view a patient's vaccination history as well as a list of vaccines suggested by Cerner based on the current ACIP schedule and the patient's demographics.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Direct all healthcare team members to this tab by using a <u>Discern Alert</u> and/or <u>Health Maintenance Alert</u> allowing them to help screen patient vaccination status
- To effectively leverage the Immunization Forecaster, update the patient's vaccination history by recording administered vaccines, especially those not administered within your health system it is important to document prior hepatitis B vaccinations to track series completion!

☐ HEPATITIS B VACCINATION - IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST ☐ Create a Discern Alert and/or Health Maintenance Alert to remind your healthcare team to review the Immunization Forecaster ☐ Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on:

- Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND
- Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination
- $\hfill \square$ Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on:
 - Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or
 - Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination OR
 - Hepatitis B Vaccination History: Completion of hepatitis B vaccine series or
 - History of Hepatitis B Infection

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS DISCERN INFORMATICS QUERY AND RECALL REPORT



POPULATION HEALTH STRATEGY > Database

Discern Informatics Queries and Recall Reports allow providers to create Patient Lists that help identify patients who may be recommended to receive vaccination by searching patient databases within a health system as per selected criteria (eg, demographics, previous vaccinations).

CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop a Patient List that tracks hepatitis B vaccinations within your health system.
- Utilize the Report Design and Discern Analytics to create a custom list with relevant filters to select/sort patients within the electronic health record
- Encourage all healthcare team members to review the Patient List and determine appropriate next steps for vaccination

☐ Select title for list: Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Status
 Select inclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 19 years and older^{1*} AND Hepatitis B Vaccination History: No history of vaccination
 Select exclusion criteria for vaccination eligibility based on: Patient Age: Patients aged 18 years and younger¹ or Contraindications to Hepatitis B Vaccination or Hepatitis B Vaccination History: Completion of hepatitis B vaccine series or History of Hepatitis B Infection

- ☐ Set up filters to extract relevant data for user, including but not limited to:
 - Associated provider
 - Patient population
 - Adults aged 19-59 years
 - Adults aged 60 years and older with risk factors[†]
 - Adults aged 60 years and older without known risk factors
 - Patient location (eg, adult outpatient clinic, emergency department)
 - Vaccine product and doses completed
 - Date range

ACIP, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; MMWR, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

*In order to comply with Boolean logic and address shared decision making, consider flagging adults aged 60 years and older without known risk factors as may be recommended to receive hepatitis B vaccination.

†Please refer to the hepatitis B vaccination guidelines noted in the MMWR publication for the specific factors that increase risk for hepatitis B.1

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERNER FEATURES AND TOOLS **HEALTHEINTENT**



POPULATION HEALTH STRATEGY > Database

HealtheIntent is a population health management platform that gives healthcare teams the ability to explore outcomes data at the health-system level.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Utilize HealtheIntent to cleanse and organize large-scale data that capture hepatitis B vaccination in your entire health system's patient population
- Streamline patient identification by creating appropriate reports and notifications for your healthcare team based on HealtheIntent data analysis

HEPATITIS B VACCINATION - IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

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CERNER REFERENCE GUIDE TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Help your team implement the ACIP adult hepatitis B vaccine recommendations.

Health System Decision Makers



COMMUNICATE

What will you tell your teams?



EDUCATE

What does your team need to learn to routinely protect eligible adults against hepatitis B?



EVALUATE

What, when, and how will you measure your team's success?

Immunizers





RECOMMEND PROTECTION



EXAMPLE OF A STRONG RECOMMENDATION



Many eligible patients are overdue for hepatitis B vaccination. Hepatitis B can lead to liver diseases like liver cancer.^{1,4†}

Based on your age, I recommend you get vaccinated today.



Hepatitis B vaccines do not treat liver diseases such as cancer.⁵

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 † For most people, the hepatitis B virus clears on its own. But for those who don't clear the virus, it can progress to chronic hepatitis B and potentially life-threatening consequences such as liver cancer. From 2018–2023, there were an estimated 13,000–22,000 cases of acute hepatitis B annually in the US. $^{4.6}$

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