



## Office of the Professions

### Administration of Immunizations

Effective October 29, 2013, a pharmacist who is certified by the State Education Department to administer immunizations is authorized to administer to patients 18 years of age or older, immunizing agents to prevent meningococcal disease pursuant to a patient specific order or a non-patient specific order. Previously, pharmacists with such certification have been authorized to administer to such patients vaccinations to prevent influenza and pneumococcal disease pursuant to patient specific or non-patient specific orders and to administer vaccinations against acute herpes-zoster (shingles) pursuant to patient specific orders.

### Certification

Pharmacists wishing to administer immunizing agents must obtain a separate certification to administer influenza, pneumococcal, meningococcal and acute herpes zoster vaccinations to adults 18 years of age and older. To become certified, a pharmacist must:

- be currently licensed and registered in NY
- provide evidence that an approved immunization course has been completed within the past three years
- provide evidence they are currently certified in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or Basic Life Support (BLS) (NOTE: "On-line" or "virtual" courses will not be accepted.)

### Application

The form for applying for this certification is [available here](#) (  23 KB).

- **Do not** submit original immunization certificates. Please submit copies only.
- If submitting a CPR or BLS card, please remember to sign the back of your card.

### Additional Information

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Certificate Programs](#)
- Helpful information and links to resources regarding Administration of Immunizations are available from the [Pharmacists Society of the State of New York \(PSSNY\)](#)

- Detailed regulations outlining the process by which pharmacists may participate and make legally required reports are available at the following links:
  - [Part 63, Commissioner's Regulations](#)
  - [http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information\\_system/](http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/)