

Synagis, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Information

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Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Home Healthcare Statewide Network are once again collaborating to provide a coordinated Synagis program for PHP members. Synagis is administered by intramuscular injection approximately every 28-30 days to qualified children 24 months and younger.

The Presbyterian Synagis Program will begin on November 1, 2008 with the first injections scheduled for November 4, 2008.

The criterion for admission to the program remains the same as last season. The patient must meet one of the following:

- 24 months old (as of November 1) and with hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease requiring cardiac medications in the last 6 months.
- 24 months old (as of November 1) and with chronic lung disease of prematurity requiring oxygen or pulmonary medications in the last 6 months.
- 24 months old (as of November 1) with severe immunodeficiency (e.g. severe combined immunodeficiency, severe acquired immunodeficiency.)
- 12 months old (as of November 1) and born at < 28 weeks gestation or less.
- 6 months old (as of November 1) and born 29-32 weeks gestation.
- 6 months old (as of November 1) and born 32 to < 35 weeks gestation and with 2 or more risk factors (i.e. Childcare attendance, School-aged siblings, smokers in the home, wood-burning stove/fireplace, Severe neuromuscular disease, and Congenital abnormality of airway)

All Synagis injections will be administered through Presbyterian Home Healthcare Statewide Network contracted home care agencies. Practitioners fill out the order form and our Pharmacy Department makes all necessary arrangements for the administration of the injections.

Forms available on our website, www.phs.org:

Synagis Practitioner Order Form:

<http://www.phs.org/idc/groups/public/@phs/@php/documents/phscontent/wcmdev1001596.pdf>

Synagis Medical Exception Flow Chart:

<http://www.phs.org/idc/groups/public/@phs/@php/documents/phscontent/wcmdev1001595.pdf>