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Dear EZIZ users:

Many of you have already ordered your flu vaccine supply and are gearing up to vaccinate your patients. Flu activity can begin as early as October, and immunizing your patients now means that they will get the best protection this flu season. But, year after year patients may ask, why should I get a flu vaccine?

Below are **3** great reasons you can give patients:

#1. Flu is 8th leading cause of death in the U.S. [Approximately, 3,000-49,000 people die every year and more than 200,000 are hospitalized in the U.S](#) due to flu-related illnesses. Children under five years of age, pregnant women, people with chronic conditions and older adults are at highest risk.

#2. Getting vaccinated can mean less visits to the doctor.

With a good match, flu vaccine can reduce the risk of having to go to the doctor for flu by about 60% among the overall population.

#3. By getting vaccinated, you're also doing a service to your community.

By getting vaccinated, you are not only protecting yourself; you are also helping stop the spread of flu to the most vulnerable, including infants under 6 months of age too young to be immunized.

For more information about flu, visit www.flu.gov.

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