People 65 years of age and older are more likely to die or be hospitalized from influenza and its complications than younger adults\textsuperscript{1-3}

Recent studies show that people 65 years of age and older:

- Have weakened immune responses\textsuperscript{4}
- Do not respond to the standard-dose influenza vaccine as well as younger adults\textsuperscript{4}

**Average Annual Number of Hospitalizations Due to Influenza in the US: 226,000**

- 63% of hospitalizations were in people 65 years of age and older.

**Average Annual Number of Deaths Due to Influenza in the US: 36,000**

- 90% of deaths were in people 65 years of age and older\textsuperscript{1}

**100%** of 36,000 average annual deaths were in people 65 years of age and older\textsuperscript{1}

**Influenza season (year)**

**Vaccine effectiveness (%)**

- 15-64 years of age
- $\geq$65 years of age

\textbf{Adapted from Monto, 2009.}\textsuperscript{4}

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