

FLU IMMUNISATION CAMPAIGN 2017/18



SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2017
0900-1300

Preparations for the forthcoming Flu Immunisation Campaign are well underway. The logistics of organising our Saturday clinic rely on many factors, including ensuring we have appropriate levels of both Clinical and Administrative Staff available on a specific day.

In order to ensure there is little disruption to the working week at an already busy period of the year, it is necessary to ask staff to work an additional day over the weekend. Fortunately our Staff understand the benefits to holding the clinic over the weekend, and we would hope that this is appreciated by those attending the clinic.

We continually review the way in which we run our Flu Immunisation Clinic and take on board feedback given to us by Patients and Staff.

We looked at all the suggestions we were given by Patients, unfortunately many of the suggestions have been tried unsuccessfully in the past. However, we continually review the way we run our Flu Immunisation Clinic and continue to look at ways to improve the service for both Patients and Staff alike.

It was fed back to us that parking and access was an issue during our last campaign. Whilst we can do little to “police” this, we do have some practical suggestions for minimising any disruption.

- Consider walking down to the clinic if local and physically able
- Consider car sharing if you are unable to walk to the Practice
- Consider asking a family member to drop off and pick up

As with previous years, it is our intention to minimise the waiting time for each Patient attending the Clinic.

It was suggested by a member of staff that it may reduce the wait time for Patients and also congestion at the front desk if Patients attend the clinic with a completed consent form.

- From the 1st September you will be able to collect a consent form for completion from Auchtermuchty Health Centre & Strathmiglo Branch Surgery.
- You will be able to download the consent form from our website www.auchtermuchtymedical.co.uk
- Copies of the consent form will also be available from Rowlands Pharmacy, Auchtermuchty & Lomond Pharmacy, Falkland.
- Completed consent forms **MUST** be taken to the clinic, failure to bring the form along on the day of the clinic will result in a further form requiring completion which may increase any wait time.

Of course, as with previous years you will still be able to complete the consent form on attendance at the Flu Clinic, however please be aware that this may increase any wait time.

We respectfully request that **everyone** who is entitled to receive the Flu Immunisation attends this clinic where possible.

Please be advised that if you are unable to attend the clinic, Reception Staff are unable to book appointments after this date. Since the Practice only receives a finite number of immunisations each year, those in clinical priority groups will be offered their immunisations first.

Only on completion of these groups of Patients will staff be able to book appointments for anyone else. The impact of this may result in “low risk” groups being immunised towards the end of the campaign.

It is also our intention to offer the Shingles Vaccination to those who are entitled to receive it this year at the Flu Clinic if they have not already received it in the Practice this year.

If you are unsure if you are entitled to any of the immunisations, please ask a member of reception staff.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Flu Immunisation Clinic.