

PHPU Newsletter

Special Immunisation Edition

Shingles (herpes zoster) vaccination programme

Please note the recent [CMO letter](#) relating to the 2016-17 shingles (herpes zoster) vaccination programme. The screening tool, developed to aid identification of patients for whom the shingles vaccine is contraindicated, has been updated in line with the CMO letter for the 2016/17 programme and is available [online](#). Practices are reminded that Zostavax® is an expensive vaccine with a relatively short expiry date. The latest expiry date of current and previously distributed stock is December 2016 and practices should use existing stocks to avoid wastage of this expensive vaccine.

Men C vaccine return

Following the [removal](#) of MenC vaccine (at age 3 mnths) from the primary immunisation schedule, practices are asked to request uplift of any remaining MenC vaccine. It should be marked, 'For Disposal', with the name of the practice and practice number. Please inform PDC that uplift is required either by telephone (0141 347 8974) or fax (0141 445 1513). Vaccines should be returned using the [pro forma](#).

Pneumococcal Vaccine

- Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (Adult) is available from community pharmacy as always
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine (child) is available from PDC as always

New arrangement for supply of seasonal flu vaccine

The arrangements for ordering vaccine for the forthcoming seasonal flu programme for 2016/17 commencing in October 2016 is outlined in the recent CMO letters for [Adults](#) and [Children](#)

Ordering vaccine for adults

- Practices should have already placed their initial order for vaccine and will receive a confirmation email from Movianto in early September confirming their first delivery date
- Subsequent orders need to be submitted as required, and according to the schedule previously provided by Movianto
- Saturday deliveries cannot be accommodated
- Practices may have sufficient fridge space for one order for the entire season - please request the minimum number of orders (according to available fridge capacity) as each order incurs a £25 delivery cost to the Board
- A box of 100 vaccines is approximately the same size as an A4 ream of paper
- It should be noted that the most common reason for cold chain incidents is due to faulty older equipment so practices should review fridge capacity as it should be **no more than 2/3 full** even during busy flu season
- No egg-free vaccine is available this year - practices requiring vaccine for egg allergic individuals should order some low ovalbumin vaccine.

All queries regarding delivery of influenza vaccine should be directed by email to [Movianto Customer Services](#) or by calling **01234 248 623** (lines are open between 8am and 6pm).

It is particularly important to adhere to the 'cut off' times provided to practices. Ideally, GP practices should place their order at least a day before their 'cut off' order window in order to review the accuracy of the confirmation email. It is suggested that large mass clinics are not arranged until the practice has stock or has received confirmation of their delivery order. Tracking of orders is available. If a practice requires more than one delivery in any given week they must phone Movianto in advance in addition to placing their usual routine order

In exceptional circumstances e.g. cold-chain failures, a delivery can be made within 24 hours, however, **prior authorisation by the Health Board** is required as these deliveries incur a surcharge of £100. Extent of orders will be regularly monitored throughout the season. Further information and FAQs are available on [PSD website](#)

Ordering vaccine for children

- Practices will be advised when stock becomes available to order
- All vaccine for children should be ordered from the PDC using the practice specific order form previously emailed to all practices in August. Forms can be obtained from Agata Janicka, Pharmacy Public Health tel 0141 201 4464 or email Agata.janicka@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
- Exceptionally large orders i.e., orders in excess of 50% of cohort, should be arranged by prior discussion with PDC (tel 0141 201 8981)
- The live attenuated nasal flu vaccine (Fluenz Tetra®) is the vaccine of choice for children aged 2 to 17 years (i.e. under 18yrs) when required
- Please order for all children 2-5 years; any primary school children who missed vaccine at school; and children 12-18 years in clinical at-risk category
- If injectable vaccine is required : -
 1. Sanofi Split Viron (trivalent flu vaccine) is indicated for children 6 months to 3 years (this vaccine was available for the adult programme for egg allergic individuals so please check existing stock before ordering)
 2. Fluarix™ Tetra is indicated for children over 3 years

Key points for practice staff

- Ensure all staff are aware of on-line ordering system for adult flu vaccines and that email address provided to Movianto is up to date. Consider effect of any staff absence if a generic practice email address has not been provided
- Practice staff should be aware of delivery day and order well in advance of 'cut off' time to allow checking of confirmation email. **NB** 1 unit of supply for order is 10 vaccines. Any amendments by phone would have to be made in advance of 'cut off' time
- If more than one delivery is required in any given week then arrangement should be made in advance by phone with Movianto in addition to placing routine order
- When ordering, type 'influenza' in search box to restrict options to only products GPs can order. 'NHS' will bring up quadrivalent vaccine
- Practices no longer have to split the order across manufacturers as this is centrally organised.
- A low ovalbumin vaccine will always be available if required for any egg allergic patients
- Practices should not plan mass clinics unless stock already received or assured of delivery
- Order according to practice's fridge capacity, submitting the minimum number of orders
- All enquiries should initially be made as soon as possible by email to [Movianto Customer Services](#) or by calling **01234 248 623** (lines are open 8am -6pm)
- In **exceptional** circumstances a delivery can be made within 24 hours by telephoning Movianto, however, **prior Board authorisation is required**. For prior authorisation alone phone 0141 201 4917
- Ordering process for all childhood vaccines remains unaffected using email order form sent to PDC

Hep B paediatric vaccine - supply problems

There is currently a supply problem with **Engerix B® 10 micrograms/0.5ml** so PDC may supply the alternative **HBVaxPro® 5 micrograms/0.5 ml**. Either vaccine can be used to provide active immunisation against hepatitis B virus in children from birth up to and including 15 years of age.

The dose to be administered of either vaccine is 0.5 ml

Key points to remember are:-

- Engerix B® **10 micrograms PER DOSE** or HBVaxPro® **5 micrograms PER DOSE** can be used to provide active immunisation against hepatitis B for paediatric patients
- **Dose of either vaccine is 0.5 ml**
- Always ensure the correct product is administered
- The Hep B Paediatric [PGD](#) lists both vaccines

If you would like to comment on any aspect of this newsletter please contact Marie Laurie on 0141 201 4917 or email marie.laurie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk